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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1927

Moderator

EDWIN F. TUTTLE

Town Clerk

HAROLD G. SACKETT

Town Treasurer

WALTER H. THAYER

Tax Collector

WALTER H. THAYER

Selectmen

HAROLD M. BULLARD, Chairman

CHESTER H. RICHARDS WILFRED N. DUFRESNE

Assessors

CARROLL E. WHITE, Chairman

	Term Expires March, 1928
DANIEL J. DWYER, Clerk	Term Expires March, 1930
FRANK E. HOAR	Term Expires March, 1929

Board of Public Welfare

WARREN E. WHITING, Chairman

	Term Expires March, 1929
HIRAM E. CROOKS	Term Expires March, 1930
OTTO L. BULLARD	Term Expires March, 1928

School Committee

RUEL S. THAYER, Chairman	Term Expires March, 1929
ESTHER D. COPELAND	Term Expires March, 1928
AARON W. HOBART	Term Expires March, 1930

Tree Warden

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

Constables

JOHN H. FOLEY	ALFRED J. NASH
ALFRED J. COREY	GEORGE ARNOLD

Cemetery Committee

WESLEY E. HOWES	Term Expires March, 1930
LEWIS E. WHITNEY	Term Expires March, 1928
WILLIAM F. WALES	Term Expires March, 1929

Public Library Trustees

SUSIE C. FAIRBANKS	Term Expires March, 1930
MARIE P. COOK	Term Expires March, 1930
ALICE JACK	Term Expires March, 1928
MARION E. THAYER	Term Expires March, 1928
ETHEL A. COOK	Term Expires March, 1929
A. EVELYN SACKETT	Term Expires March, 1929

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Clerk of the Selectmen

DAVID L. TUTTLE

Town Accountant, Term Expires July 12, 1929

DAVID L. TUTTLE

Town Collector

WALTER H. THAYER

Superintendent of Streets

STEPHEN E. SCOTT

Forest Warden

L. FRANCIS THAYER

Local Superintendent of Moth Extermination

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers

MAURICE CONNOLLY

CLINTON O. WHITNEY

CLARENCE W. HOYT

Public Weighers

HAROLD M. BULLARD

FRANCIS P. DIGGINS

HARRY E. CAMP

AARON W. HOBART

ALFRED CARRIER

L. FRANCIS THAYER

ROMEO CARRIER

RUEL S. THAYER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

OTTO L. BULLARD

HIRAM E. CROOKS

HARRY E. CAMP

ARTHUR A. RHODES

L. FRANCIS THAYER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ALFRED H. NASH

Inspector of Animals

CARROLL E. WHITE

Inspector of Slaughtering

CARROLL E. WHITE

Inspector of Milk

CARROLL E. WHITE

Memorial Day Committee

A. EYELYN SACKETT

HENRY PICKERING

CLARIBEL MACEY

Auctioneer

CARROLL E. WHITE

Dog Officer

JOHN H. FOLEY

Sextons

WESLEY E. HOWES

WILLIAM F. WALES

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

Agent for Burial of Indigent Soldiers and Sailors

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

Agent in Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

LEWIS E. WHITNEY

Workman's Compensation Agent

HAROLD G. SACKETT

Registrar of Voters

MICHAEL F. RYAN

Term Expires March, 1930

Janitor of Town Hall

ALFRED H. NASH

Police Officers

JOHN H. FOLEY, Chief

EDGAR C. SCOTT, Deputy Chief

WILLIAM E. PAINE

HAROLD M. BULLARD

EUGENE RIORDAN

ARTHUR HALL

WALTER HOGARTH

FABIEN CHAMBERLAND

DAVID C. SMITH

ANTONIO PERREAULT

ROMEO CARRIER

JOHN CAMPBELL

(Edison Electric Light Co.)

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

DOGS LICENSED

In the year beginning December 1st, 1926:

Males, 294 at \$2.00 each.....	\$588.00	
Females, 59 at \$5.00 each.....	295.00	
Spayed, 12 at \$2.00 each.....	24.00	
		————— \$907.00
Clerk's Fees, 365 at 20 cents.....		73.00
		—————
Paid to County Treasurer.....		\$834.00

HUNTERS LICENSED IN BELLINGHAM

From January 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927:

102 Resident Citizen—Sporting	\$229.50	
6 Resident Citizen—Trapping	13.50	
13 Non Resident—Sporting	68.25	
3 Non Resident—Sporting	6.75	
6 Minor—Trapping.	4.50	
2 Duplicates.	1.00	
		————— \$323.50
130 Fees.		32.50
		—————
Paid Mass. Division of Fisheries and Game		\$291.00

TOWN HISTORIES

Sold to town people, 1.....	\$1.00	
Sold to out of town people, 1.....	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$2.50
Paid Town Treasurer		\$2.50

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1927

Date	Name	Name of Parents
January		
17.	Aileen Charlotte Stenson	Raymond and Lillian (Johnson)
17.	Joseph Savard	Hugo and Alice (Olivier)
24.	Anne Marie Drapeau	Patrice and Ledo (Moreau)
8.	Dorothy Emma Mellor	Joseph and Violet (Tevens)
February		
1.	Joseph Theodore Ernest Glaude	Ernest and Marie (Thoin)
3.	Stillborn	
9.	Raymond Clarence Arnold	George and Lenore (Thomann)
21.	——— Oborsky	Antonio and Celia (Tinicky)
21.	——— Oborsky	Antonio and Celia (Tinicky)
25.	Marie Loretta Noela Lataille	Narcisse and Ida (Thibeauet)
27.	Joseph Theodore Roland Marchand	Trefle and Rose (Tessier)
27.	Therese Bernier	Raymond and Celina (Beauolell)
28.	John Edwin Tuttle	David and Margeret (Keegan)
March		
2.	Raymond Theodore Beaudet	Theodore and Celina (Prevost)
2.	Milton David Daniels	Hymand and Mildred (Fullman)
6.	Gertrude Ruth Gross	Donald and Antoinette (Szweck)
7.	Raymond Earl Dupre	Omer and Anasthasia (Cibolski)
7.	Joseph Raymond Houde	Henri and Marie (Lemieux)
16.	Marie Beatrice Lataille	Napoleon and Aldora (Cournoyer)
April		
2.	Jean Paul Paquin	Emile and Cecile (Morin)
4.	Joseph Arthur Dorilla Tellier	Philibert and Jeanne (Mailloux)
13.	John Lewis Campano	Louis and Teresa (Miozza)
19.	Lester Arthur Lataille	Lester and Florence (Dubuc)
24.	Ivan Aerial Kaye	Clarence and Janet (Connelly)
25.	Austin Robert Boudreau	Albert and Rose (Lipsis)
26.	Ruth Mary Ridge	William and Mabel (Partridge)
27.	Margaret Elizabeth Smith	Robert and Celine (Chavarie)
28.	Aime Alfred Carrier	Albert and Marie (Paradis)

Date	Name	Name of Parents
May		
1.	Marie Lucille Therese Desilets	Theodore and Antoinette (Besailion)
11.	Wanda Charlotte Grace Lunn	Arthur and Grace (Peterson)
18.	Maurice Normand George Dufour	George and Marie (Lamoreaux)
June		
11.	Leokadja Darmetko	Bronislaw and Marcela (Walenska)
11.	Dorothea Theresa Greene	Palmer and Elizabeth (Richards)
15.	Marie Rose Germaine Ouellette	Alfred and Celia (Levesque)
23.	Dorothy Dean Hunter	John and Lois (Dean)
July		
3.	Theodore Willette	Edward and Eva (Paquin)
7.	Laura Idella Woodman	James and Laura (Corbett)
8.	Dorilla Muriel Emilienne Brunetti	John and Angelina (Racine)
9.	Joseph Janisjeski	James and Pauline (Walik)
10.	Irene Theresa Moore	Elmer and Jeanne (Cormier)
16.	Frances Mabel Dusseault	Joseph and Parmelia (Desmarais)
17.	Jeanette Lucille Chabot	Francis and Alice (Julien)
19.	Marie Rose Anna Theresa Gagnon	Augustin and Anna (Larose)
20.	Marie Helena Beauregard	Levi and Lea (Guilbault)
20.	Stillborn	
29.	——— Banks	Frederick and Blanche (Gaulin)
30.	Michael George Beradi	George and Ethel (Bennett)
31.	Walter Edward Arnold	Edward and Louise (Laine)
August		
2.	Stillborn	
2.	Gerald Adelard Joseph Sutherland	Alphege and Irene (Morin)
4.	Alfred Francis Murray	Alfred and Frances (Hoar)
8.	Jeannette Lucille DeRagon	Samuel and Delia (Ricard)
11.	Armand Oliver Bernier	Josophat and Eva (Chestoney)
20.	Harold Raymond Chandler	Albert and Isabella (Gill)
21.	Virginia Hope Brown	John and Rowena (Williams)
29.	Rita Sauvageau	Alfred and Lucie (Berthiaume)
September		
3.	Mary Ella DeJony	Andor and Pearl (Sweet)
8.	Constance Louise Roberge	Rodolphe and Marie (SanSouci)
8.	Raymond Francis Hillsgrave	Harry and Rose (Terpstra)
20.	James Kenneth Garabegian	Albert and Emily (Kaczynsky)
26.	Luvia Madeline Cook	Harland and Laura (Cole)
30.	Marie Anne Theresa Marcotte	Antonie and Aurore (Barrette)
October		
1.	Stanley Michael Bokoski	Stanley and Beatrice (Antosh)
8.	Marie Christine Cook	Walter and Marie (Palm)
16.	Joseph Raymond Donat Fluette	Donat and Blanche (Bussiere)
18.	Avellino Nino Guiseppe Bartolotti	Guiseppe and Pasqualina (Ventre)
21.	Amanda Marie Therese Guilbault	Adelard and Florianna (Levesque)
26.	Stillborn	

Date	Name	Name of Parents
November		
2.	Mildred Esther Cook	Harold and Inga (Totland)
4.	Marie Claire Therese Poirier	Eli and Benadette (Champagne)
17.	Marie Aline Lillian Boiteau	Eugene and Alice (Riquier)
26.	——— Meotti	Otto and Beatrice (Lachapelle)
27.	Joseph Norman Casavant	Joseph and Emilia (Lavallee)
December		
1.	Marie Jeanette Murielle Lebel	Etienne and Annette (Tellier)
4.	Edward Charles Arnold	Frank and Mary (Tominsky)
7.	Lottie Constance Remillard	Wilfred and Leda (Vadnais)
7.	Amenda Theresa Debigare	Harvey and Eva (Sivard)
20.	Freda Mabel Melrose	George and Bertha (Nichols)
21.	Shirley Mona Smith	Frederick and Celeste (Mann)
29.	Lucien Joseph Alcide Degasse	Alder and Zelia (Lezy)

NOTICE

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after the birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the Town Clerk.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists, and if any errors or omissions are discovered, report them at once to the Town Clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. SACKETT,
Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1927

Date	Name	Residence	Married By
January			
3.	Elphege Leon Thibault Eva Champagne Desrosiers	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. N. L. Plasse, in Woonsocket, R. I.
6.	Vincenzo Volpe Lucia Marcone	Bellingham, Mass. Milford, Mass.	Rev. Emilio Barbella, in Milford, Mass.
February			
6.	Frank Walentuk Mary Hoothay	Mendon, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. Maxim Marushchuk in Woonsocket, R. I.
21.	Adam Kobylarz Mary Anna Bis	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. Edward Kinney, in Franklin, Mass.
19.	George Berardi Ethel May Bennett	Milford, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
26.	Harold Cook Inga Totland	Bellingham, Mass. Millville, Mass.	Rev. Johan Ellertsen, in Millville, Mass.
March			
2.	Judson Sumner Woodman Lillian Ann Daniels	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. E. P. Daniels, in Hingham, Mass.
29.	Harry Melvin Boone Dorothy Louise Mellor	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. C. F. Westman, in Franklin, Mass.
May			
15.	Albert Francis Gardner Pearl Grace Tingley	Bellingham, Mass. Blackstone, Mass.	Harold G. Sackett, J. of P. in Bellingham, Mass.
30.	Leo Lataille Marie Evandine Parenteau	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. N. J. Plasse, in Woonsocket, R. I.
June			
4.	Charles Albert Lipsett Viola May Julian	Bellingham, Mass. Milford, Mass.	Harold G. Sackett, J. of P. in Bellingham, Mass.
6.	Roaul Lagace Cecile Milette	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. D. B. Brunelle, in Woonsocket, R. I.
11.	William Dubois Priscilla Marie Gagnon	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
July			
11.	Viateur Dalpe Irene Marchand	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. D. B. Brunelle, in Woonsocket, R. I.
30.	Fred Thibault Sarah Doyle Hernon	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Harold G. Sackett, J. of P. in Bellingham, Mass.

Date	Name	Residence	Married By
August			
2.	Lloyd Warren Minnie Bell Murray	Medford, Mass. Malden, Mass.	Rev. A. L. Murray, in Bellingham, Mass.
6.	Stanley Bokoski Beatrice Antosh	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. Hebert, in Woonsocket, R. I.
8.	Wilfred Beaulieu Rose Lariviere	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. J. D. Binnette, in Bellingham, Mass.
September			
3.	Wilfred Chalon Jeannette Belair	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. J. D. Binnette, in Bellingham, Mass.
3.	Wilfred Bourden Marie Guilbault	Woonsocket, R. I. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. J. D. Binnette, in Bellingham, Mass.
4.	Clement Curri van Grace Helen Kelleher	Mansfield, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. M. J. Lee, in Medway, Mass.
5.	Ange Albert Goulet Aurore Heroux	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. M. W. A. Prince, in Woonsocket, R. I.
October			
26.	Charles Edwin Sanderson Dorothy Gladys Burroughs	Bellingham, Mass. Upton, Mass.	Rev. A. Wright, in Franklin, Mass.
30.	Wilfred Vaughan Rose Alevina Bourassa	Cambridge, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	Harold G. Sackett, J. of P. in Bellingham, Mass.
November			
3.	John Charles Howell Althea Nadeau Busablon	Bellingham, Mass. Bellingham, Mass.	R. M. Dexter, J. of P., in Pawtucket, R. I.
14.	Wilbrod Wilfred Lavoie Aurore Hebert	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. A. Laliberte, in Woonsocket, R. I.
16.	Oscar Joseph Brouillard Bertha Ora Dufresne	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. J. I. Gosselin, in Bellingham, Mass.
16.	Rudolph Joseph Fontaine Blandine Evon Brouillard	Woonsocket, R. I. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. J. I. Gosselin, in Bellingham, Mass.
22.	Alvin Ernest Arnold Lucy Agnes Barrow	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. C. B. Osborne, in Blackstone, Mass.
23.	Joseph Ravenelle Matilde Turgeon Godin	Woonsocket, R. I. Bellingham, Mass.	Rev. J. I. Gosselin, in Bellingham, Mass.
24.	Medrick Henry Pleau Mildred Viola Brown	Bellingham, Mass. Franklin, Mass.	Rev. Edward Kenney, in Franklin, Mass.
December			
31.	Giovanni Bacolini Teresina Mencarini	Bellingham, Mass. Woonsocket, R. I.	Rev. B. DiMascolo, in Woonsocket, R. I.

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELLINGHAM IN 1927

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
January					
17.	———— Savard.....	—	—	2 hrs.	Premature-Asphyxia
February					
3.	Stillborn.	—	—	—	
6.	Edouard Louis Trottier..	—	3	5	Lobar Pneumonia
6.	Alice Drake.....	84	1	15	Senility
16.	Patrick Dwyer.....	68	—	—	Hypostatic Pneumonia
20.	Adelaide Kennelly.....	75	—	—	Uremia
17.	Josephine Rivard.....	39	—	—	Exophthalmic Goitre
18.	Patrick O'Neil.....	77	—	—	Uremia
27.	Leona Roy.....	20	6	24	Tuberculosis of Lungs
28.	Bertha Juline Franklin...	60	4	12	Chronic Myocarditis
24.	Cecilia Oborsky.....	38	—	—	Puerperal Eclampsia
March					
11.	Raymond Earl Dupre....	—	—	4	Precipitate Labor
18.	Malcolm Pickering.....	73	—	—	Gangrene
27.	James E. Kennelly.....	61	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
April					
26.	Kaziwierz Kiviatkowski..	61	—	—	Chronic Bronchitis
29.	Margaret Elizabeth Smith	—	—	2	Inamition
May					
10.	———— Bergeron.....	—	—	6	Hemorrhage of New Born
10.	Phila Estes Colvin.....	93	3	29	Acute Indigestion
12.	Luman Ralph Camp.....	80	6	8	Myocardial Insufficiency
15.	Henry A. Spear.....	72	3	1	Valvular Disease of Heart
25.	Josephine E. Mann Holbrook	78	3	3	Acute Angina Pectoris
June					
17.	Alfred Champagne.....	70	11	20	Broncho Pneumonia
20.	Joseph Mostek.....	10	4	30	Fulminating General Peri- tonitis
July					
20.	Stillborn.	—	—	—	

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y.	M.	D.	
August					
2.	Stillborn.	—	—	—	Meningitis
6.	Albert Edward Pontou.	—	7	17	
October					
26.	Stillborn.	—	—	—	
November					
17.	Fred Joseph Fagan.	—	6	19	Broncho Pneumonia
25.	Raymond Boucher.	1	3	5	Lobar Pneumonia
29.	Luigi Brunetti	70	11	25	Heart Failure
December					
1.	James Greene	36	—	—	Hemorrhage due to Ulcer of Stomach
8.	Mary Matkowski.	12	11	4	Presumably Heart Disease or Thymic Asthma

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM JURY LIST, 1927

Ernest E. Belcher.	Mill Operative	North Main Street
Harry E. Camp	Grocer	Hartford Avenue
Thomas Collins	Painter	Mechanic Street
Willie L. Cook	Clerk	Mechanic Street
Elmer M. Crooks	Lumber Dealer	Lake Street
Hiram E. Crooks	Lumber Dealer	Cross Street
Francis P. Diggins	Clerk (General Store)	Hartford Avenue
Daniel J. Dwyer	Clerk	Hartford Avenue
Charles F. Foley	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Albert E. Hall	Caretaker (Golf Club)	Paine Street
Octave Harpin	Mill Operative	Centre Street
Thomas J. Herffernan	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Frank E. Hoar	Retired	Paine Street
John R. Kennelly	Clerk (Market)	Maple Street
Frederick Leek	Riding Master	North Main Street
Fred Longton	Street Railway Conductor	South Main Street
John F. McCarthy	Retired	Centre Street
Treffe Marchand	Mill Operative	Centre Street
Harry W. Metcalf	Mill Operative	Maple Street
Frederic Monty	Tool Maker	Centre Street
Roy A. Martin	Clerk (General Store)	Mendon Street
Alfred H. Nash	Janitor	Mechanic Street
William R. Naughton	Mill Operative	Pearl Street
Charles E. Richards	Clerk (Market)	Centre Street
Michael F. Ryan	Mill Operative	Hartford Avenue
Walter H. Thayer	Painter	South Main Street
Edwin F. Tuttle	Organizer	Hartford Avenue
Charles H. Walmsley	Laborer	Centre Street
Charles R. Weeks	Painter	Hartford Avenue
Carroll E. White	Farmer	Mendon Street

TOWN WARRANT, MARCH, 1927

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1927, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

Moderator, for the term of one year.

Three Selectmen, for the term of one year.

Town Treasurer, for the term of one year.

Collector of Taxes, for the term of one year.

One Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years.

Town Clerk, for the term of one year.

Four Constables, for the term of one year.

Tree Warden, for the term of one year.

One Overseer of the Poor, for the term of three years.

One member of the School Committee, for the term of three years.

Two Public Library Trustees, for the term of three years.

One member of the Cemetery Committee, for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock at noon, and will close at eight o'clock at night.

Warrant for Subsequent Meeting, March, 1927

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1927, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act thereon.

2. To vote appropriations for the following purposes or act or do anything in relation thereto: 1. Moderator's Salary. 2. Selectmen's Department. 3. Accountant's Department. 4. Treasurer's Department. 5. Collector's Department. 6. Assessors' Department. 7. Certifying Notes. 8. Town Clerk's Department. 9. Election and Registration. 10. Town Hall. 11. Police Department. 12. Fires and Compensation to other Towns. 13. Sealer of Weights and Measures. 14. Moth Extermination. 15. Tree Warden. 16. Forest Fires and Equipment. 17. Dog Officer. 18. Health. 19. Maintenance of County Hospital. 20. Highways, General Repairs. 21. Bridges and Railings. 22. Snow Removal. 23. Signs and Guideboards. 24. Street Lighting. 25. Maintenance, South Main Street. 26. Permanent Work—Centre Street. 27. Poor Department. 28. Mothers' Aid. 29. State Aid. 30. Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves. 31. School Department. 32. Library Department. 33. Printing Town Reports. 34. Memorial Day. 35. Unclassified. 36. Cemeteries. 37. Interest.

3. To see if the Town will instruct the Town Accountant to transfer the sum of \$680.63 from the Excess and Defi-

ciency Account to be used in the payment of the following list of unpaid bills of previous years:

Date Rendered.	Service For What.	Appropriation.	Amount.
Dec. 31, 1926.	Fees	Town Clerk	\$1.50
Dec. 24, 1926.	Supplies	Town Hall	.52
Jan. 15-30, 1925.	Medical Services	Forest Fires and Equip.	15.00
Dec. 26, 1926.	Labor	Snow Removal	62.00
Dec. 31, 1926.	Care of Light	Street Lighting	1.59
	1924. Land Damage N. Main St.		360.00
Oct. 4-28, 1924.	Soft Coal	S. Main St. Const., '24	99.22
June 15, 1925.	Medical Services	Poor	3.00
Dec. 4-12, 1925.	Harness Equipment	Poor	3.55
Sept. 24-25, 1923.	Repairs to wood saw- ing machine	Poor	14.25
Dec. 31, 1926.	Labor	Poor	120.00
Total			\$680.63

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to balance the following overdrafts of 1926, or act or do anything in relation thereto:

Bridges and Railings.....	\$21.69
Snow Removal	509.54
Land Damages, North Main Street, 1926..	185.00
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	\$716.23

5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1927, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes therefor in the name of the Town.

6. To see if the Town will vote to pay for the surety bonds for such town officers as are required to be bonded.

7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to accept the following Streets: Essex, Paquin, Suffolk, Governor (Ave.), Winter, Spring.

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum or sums of money to lay out these streets.

To see if the Town will vote to install electric lights on these streets as follows:

2 lights on Winter Street	1 light on Spring Street
2 lights on Governor Ave.	1 light on Paquin Street
2 lights on Suffolk Street	2 lights on Essex Street

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to construct sidewalks on each side of the State Road from the Rhode Island State Line to Crook's Corner.

8. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint before April 15, 1927, nine voters, three voters from each precinct, to serve as a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider all articles presented in the warrants for Town Meetings.

9. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to consider plans for a fire department, said committee to report at a future Town Meeting, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the purchase of a safe for the use of the Town Accountant, to safeguard the Town's records in case of fire, the safe to be the property of the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Clerk Two Hundred Dollars, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Director of Accounts for an audit of the Town's records, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to purchase

an Oak Grove, containing between 8 and 10 acres, for a Public Park, from Henry W. Pickering, and to be always kept for a Public Park; Park to be known as the Pickering Public Park; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint five citizens of the Town, not more than two from any Voting Precinct, to draw up and submit to the Town at a Town Meeting, a set of by-Laws for the Town's approval.

To see if the Town will appropriate any money for the expense of the committee, or do anything in relation thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Collector to use all means in collecting the amounts due the Poor Department from individuals, or do anything in relation thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to install in our Town Schools in conjunction with the State Board of Education, Division of Americanization and Immigration, a special course sponsored by said Board, and appropriate \$160.00 for said course, or do anything in relation thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to a Reserve Fund.

18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the expense of the Town Farm Sale.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least, before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham, this thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1927.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,
HIRAM E. CROOKS,

Selectmen of Bellingham.

Return on Warrant

Norfolk, ss.

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Bellingham to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within stated, by posting attested copies of said Warrant at all the designated places seven days before said meeting.

Attest:

JOHN H. FOLEY,
Constable of Bellingham.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen at Bellingham, January 31, 1927, the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at their respective voting places in Precincts 1, 2 and 3, and proceeded to cast their ballots for town officials, on the seventh day of March, 1927.

All Instruction and Penalty Cards and Specimen Ballots having been posted according to law and the election officers having been duly sworn to their duties, the ballot boxes were examined and found correct.

They were then locked and the keys given in charge of the precinct warden.

The ballots were given to the clerks and the polls were open at twelve o'clock noon. At three-thirty fifty ballots were taken from the boxes, and counting began. At eight o'clock P. M. the polls were closed after which the counting was finished. All check lists were found to correspond with the numbers registered and with the number of ballots found in the boxes.

After counting, all ballots and their tally sheets were put in their envelopes, and with the total tally sheets and check lists were locked in the boxes and conveyed to the Town House where the results were canvassed by the Registrars and recorded by the Town Clerk as follows:

Total number of ballots cast in the whole town, 730.
Total number of ballots cast in Precinct 1, 199. Precinct 2, 233. Precinct 3, 298.

THE VOTE

By Precincts

Moderator

Precinct	1	2	3	Total
Edwin F. Tuttle	141	151	203	495
Blanks.	58	82	95	235
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Town Clerk

Harold G. Sackett	164	166	214	544
Blanks.	35	67	84	186
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Town Treasurer

Walter H. Thayer	153	162	220	535
Blanks.	46	71	78	195
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Selectmen

Harold M. Bullard	117	196	37	350
Hiram E. Crooks	120	70	132	322
Wilfred N. Dufresne	78	73	255	406
Richard J. Jacks	57	25	251	333
Chester H. Richards	138	177	46	361
Blanks.	87	158	173	418
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Total.	597	699	894	2,190

Tax Assessor for Three Years

Ernest A. Aldrich	105	35	143	283
Daniel J. Dwyer	70	179	85	334
Blanks.	24	19	70	113
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Overseer of Poor for Three Years

Hiram E. Crooks	151	131	210	492
Blanks.	48	102	88	238
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Total.	199	233	298	730

School Committee for Three Years

Aaron W. Hobart	89	191	99	379
Cora E. Rhodes	84	29	154	267
Blanks.	26	13	45	84
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Cemetery Committee for Three Years

Wesley E. Howes	137	145	173	455
Blanks.	62	88	125	275
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Collector of Taxes

Oscar Russen	75	57	77	209
Walter H. Thayer	115	146	173	434
Blanks.	9	30	48	87
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Tree Warden

Lewis E. Whitney	155	137	181	473
Blanks.	44	96	117	257
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Total.	199	233	298	730

Two Library Trustees for Three Years

Marie P. Cook	134	98	156	388
Susie C. Fairbanks	115	161	131	407
Blanks.	149	207	309	665
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Total.	398	466	596	1,460

Return of Warrant*Four Constables*

George A. Arnold	68	55	121	244
Alfred J. Corey	111	47	201	359
John H. Foley	127	195	113	435
Palmer A. Greene	64	35	146	245
Edward Levesque	31	21	131	183
Alfred H. Nash	144	111	83	338
Francis W. Sullivan	40	67	69	176
Martin Beasley	0	4	0	4
Joseph Breen	0	1	0	1
Blanks.	211	396	328	935
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Total.	796	932	1,192	2,920

A true copy of Record.

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

PRECINCT OFFICERS

Precinct No. 1

Warden, Chester A. Gaskill; Deputy Warden, John W. Graves; Clerk, Harland E. Cook; Deputy Clerk, Robert H. Hunter; Inspectors, George L. Southwick; Frederick Leek; Deputy Inspectors, George D. Nourse, Clinton O. Whitney.

Precinct No. 2

Warden, Michael F. Ryan; Deputy Warden, Francis Murphy; Clerk, Samuel W. Baader; Deputy Clerk, William W. Fairbanks; Inspectors, Maurice J. Connelly, William Spear; Deputy Inspectors, Frank E. Arnold, 2nd, Jeremiah Kennelly; Police Duty, John H. Foley.

Precinct No. 3

Warden, Warren E. Whiting; Deputy Warden, Fred Longton; Clerk, Theodore Heneault; Deputy Clerk, David L. Tuttle; Inspectors, John B. Danis, John McCarthy; Deputy Inspectors, Wilfred Boiteau, Fabian Chamberland.

RECOUNT OF VOTES

Upon a petition for a recount of votes cast for Constables, March 7, 1927, signed by eleven voters, the Board of Registrars set March 14, 1927, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Town House for this recount.

At the time appointed, all interested parties being present, the recount was made with the following results:

Precinct	1	2	3	Total
George A. Arnold	68	55	124	247
Alfred J. Corey	110	48	199	357
John F. Foley	125	194	111	430
Palmer N. Greene	66	35	145	246
Edward Levesque	31	21	129	181
Alfred H. Nash	144	111	84	339
Francis W. Sullivan	41	67	67	175
Martin J. Beasley	0	4	0	4
Joseph Breen	0	1	0	1
Blanks.	211	396	333	940
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Total.	796	932	1,192	2,920

The recount gave George A. Arnold 247 votes, and Palmer N. Greene 246 votes, which elected George A. Arnold Constable.

A True Record.

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,
Town Clerk.

SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 16, 1927

Agreeable to a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen dated at Bellingham, January 31, 1927, the inhabitants of said Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, met in the Town Hall on March 16, A. D. 1927, at seven thirty o'clock P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of said warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edwin F. Tuttle at 7:35 P. M. Followed the reading of the warrant by Town Clerk, Harold G. Sackett.

On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant. The meeting then proceeded with the articles as they appeared in the town warrant.

Article 1. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to accept all of the reports of the several departments as they appeared in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2.

Item 1. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$25.00 for the Moderator's salary.

Item 2. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$425.00 for Selectmen's salaries and expenses.

Item 3. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to

raise and appropriate \$470.00 for the Town Accountant's Department, \$400.00 for salary and \$70.00 for expense.

Item 4. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the Town Treasurer's Department.

Item 5. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier, and amended by David L. Tuttle, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Collector's Department.

Item 6. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,350.00 for the Assessors' Department.

Item 7. On motion of Walter H. Thayer it was voted to raise and appropriate \$20.00 for certifying notes.

Item 8. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted to take up Article II, before acting on Item 8 of Article 2.

Article II.

On motion of Wilfred N. Dufresne it was voted to increase the Town Clerk's salary \$200.00, making the salary of the Town Clerk \$400.00 per year.

Article 2.

Item 8. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$600.00 for the Town Clerk's Department.

Item 9. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for Election and Registration.

Item 10. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$677.00 for Wages and Expenses for the Town Hall.

Item 11. On motion of Carroll E. White, that \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Police Department, a vote was taken by the raising of hands. The count showed 31 in the affirmative and 60 in the negative. The motion was lost. On motion of Addison E. Bullard, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$700.00 for the Police Department.

Item 12. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for fires and compensation to other Towns.

Item 13. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Item 14. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for Moth Extermination.

Item 15. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for Tree Warden.

Item 16. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for Forest Fires and Equipment.

Item 17. On motion of Albert G. Mowry it was voted to raise and appropriate \$30.00 for Dog Officer.

Item 18. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for the Board of Health.

Item 19. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$613.73 for the maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital.

Item 20. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted to raise and appropriate \$5,250.00 to be used in conjunction with \$4,200.00 State money under Chapter 81.

Item 21. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for bridges and railings.

Item 22. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Snow Removal.

Item 23. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for Signs and Guideboards.

Item 24. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$4,300.00 for Street Lighting.

Item 25. On motion of Richard J. Jacks it was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,325.00 for Highways, Maintenance (South Main Street), in conjunction with \$2,650.00 from the State and \$1,325.00 from the County making a total of \$5,300.00

Item 26. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 for Permanent Highway work in conjunction with \$10,000.00 from the State and \$5,000.00 from the County, under Chapter 90.

Item 27. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$160.00 for Poor Department salaries, and the sum of \$2,840.00 for other expenses, making a total of \$3,000.00 for the Poor Department.

Item 28. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for Mothers' Aid.

Item 29. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00 for State Aid.

Item 30. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$30.00 for the Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.

Item 31. After the reading of the School Budget for 1927, on the motion of Carroll E. White, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$38,600.00 for the School Department.

Item 32. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for the Library Department.

Item 33. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$440.00 for the printing of Town Reports.

Item 34. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Memorial Day.

Item 35. On motion of Harold M. Bullard it was voted to raise and appropriate \$160.00 for Unclassified Items.

Item 36. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for Cemeteries.

Item 37. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for Interest.

Article 3.

On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund the sum of \$680.63, for the bills as rendered on Page 63 of the Town Report of the year, ending December 31, 1926.

Article 4. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$716.23 to balance overdrafts of 1926.

Article 5. On motion of Walter H. Thayer it was voted that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1, 1927, not to exceed the limit allowed by law, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year. Record vote, 97 affirmative, none negative.

Article 6. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to pay for the Surety Bonds of such Town Officers as are required to be bonded.

Article 7. On motion of Addison E. Bullard it was voted to dismiss this article.

Article 8. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted that the Moderator appoint nine voters, three from each precinct, to serve as a Finance Committee for the year 1927.

Article 9. On motion of Arthur B. Martel it was voted to elect, from the floor, nine voters, three in each precinct, to serve as a committee to consider plans for a Fire Department and report at a future Town Meeting.

The committee elected were as follows :

Precinct 1—L. Francis Thayer, Carroll E. White, Walter H. Thayer.

Precinct 2—Ernest T. Camp, Timothy E. Foley, Michael F. Ryan.

Precinct 3—Theodore Heneault, Octave Harpin, Warren E. Whiting.

On motion of Thomas J. Heffernan it was voted that the clerk cast one ballot containing these nine names. Casting of ballot followed. On motion of Arthur B. Martel it was voted to authorize Warren E. Whiting to call this committee together.

Article 10. On motion of Carroll E. White it was voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the purchase of a safe for the use of the Town Accountant, the safe to be the property of the Town.

Article 12. On motion of Addison E. Bullard it was voted to petition the Director of Accounts for an audit of the Town's Records.

Article 13. On motion of Timothy A. Riordan it was voted to pass over this article.

Article 14. 1st paragraph. On motion of Addison E. Bullard it was voted that the Moderator appoint five citizens of the Town, not more than two from any voting precinct, to draw up and submit to the Town at a Town Meeting, a set of By-Laws for the Town's approval.

2nd paragraph. On motion of Hiram E. Crooks it was voted to pass over the 2nd paragraph of Article 14.

Article 15. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to have the Town Collector use all means in collecting the amounts due the Poor Department from individuals.

Article 16. On motion of Addison E. Bullard it was voted to lay this article on the table.

Article 17. On motion of Walter H. Thayer it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to a Reserve Fund.

Article 18. On motion of Addison E. Bullard it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the expense of the Town Farm Sale.

Before entertaining any motions for the dissolution of the warrant the Moderator, Edwin F. Tuttle, read the appointments of members of the Finance Committee. They are as follows:

Precinct 1—Harold G. Sackett, L. Francis Thayer, Eldred J. Wentzel.

Precinct 2—Addison E. Bullard, Perry Goldwaite, Jr., Timothy E. Foley.

Precinct 3—Arthur B. Martel, Albert G. Mowry, Waldo I. Cook.

On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to dissolve the warrant. The meeting was closed at 9.30 o'clock P. M.

A True Copy,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY, 1927

In accordance with a Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen of the Town of Bellingham, May 2, 1927, the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs met at the Town Hall, May 11, 1927, at 7:30 P. M., and proceeded to act on the articles of said Warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Edwin F. Tuttle, Moderator, at 7:30 P. M. Town Clerk Harold G. Sackett read the Warrant. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant.

On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to recess until 8 P. M.

At 8 P. M. the Moderator called the meeting to order and took up Article 1.

On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition the City Council of Woonsocket, R. I., asking that hydrants and water service to buildings in Bellingham be installed.

Article 2. Walter H. Thayer made a report of progress for the Fire Committee. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to accept this report and thank the Committee.

Article 3. On motion of Carroll E. White, duly seconded, it was voted to accept the legacies in the will of the late William A. Coombs.

1st. To the Town of Bellingham, or other proper authority to receive the same, fifty dollars, in trust nevertheless, to keep said principal sum invested and use the income thereof only for the perpetual care of the Valentine R. Coombs lot in Oak Hill Cemetery, North Bellingham, Mass.

2nd. To the Town of Bellingham or other proper authority to receive the same, fifty dollars, in trust nevertheless, to keep said principal sum invested and use the income thereof only for the perpetual care of the Elijah Dewing lot in said Oak Hill Cemetery.

3rd. To the Town of Bellingham or other proper authority to receive the same, twenty-five dollars, in trust nevertheless, to keep said principal sum invested for a period of twenty-five years, after the expiration of said twenty-five years to expend the income of said principal sum and the accumulations thereon for the perpetual care of the Stephen A. Coombs lot in said Oak Hill Cemetery.

4th. To the Town of Bellingham or other proper authority to receive the same twenty-five dollars, in trust nevertheless, to keep said principal sum invested for a period of twenty-five years, after the expiration of said twenty-five years, to expend the income of said principal sum and the accumulations thereon for the perpetual care of the Jesse Coombs lot in said Oak Hill Cemetery.

5th. To the Town of Bellingham or other proper authority to receive the same, the sum of five hundred dollars, in trust nevertheless, to keep said principal sum invested for a period of fifty years, after the expiration of said fifty years to expend the income of said principal sum and the accumu-

lations thereon for perpetual general upkeep and care of said Oak Hill Cemetery.

On motion of A. E. Bullard, duly seconded, it was voted to dissolve the Warrant. The meeting closed at 8:17 P. M.

A True Copy of Record,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AUGUST, 1927

In accordance with a Warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen at Bellingham, August 8, 1927, the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, met at the Town Hall, August 22, 1927, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to act on the articles of said warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8 P. M. The Town Clerk started to read the warrant. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant. The balance of the warrant was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. On motion of Carroll E. White, duly seconded, it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$250.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the use of the Assessors' Department in addition to the \$1,350.00 raised and appropriated at the annual Town Meeting.

Article 2. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier, duly seconded, it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$220.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to be used in payment of 1926 Poor Department Bills.

Article 3. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account \$4,511.00 for payment of Land Damages on Centre and Franklin Streets.

On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier the warrant was dissolved at 8:20 o'clock P. M.

A True Copy of Record,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER, 1927

In accordance with a warrant given under the hands of the Selectmen October 4, 1927, the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, met at the Town Hall October 13, 1927, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and proceeded to act on the articles of said warrant as follows:

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edwin F. Tuttle. The Town Clerk proceeded to read the warrant. On motion of David L. Tuttle, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the body of the warrant.

Article 1. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted that the Town will indemnify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against any and all claims for land, grade and drainage damages which may be caused by or result from the laying out, alteration, construction or reconstruction of the State Highway known as Mendon and Mechanic Streets, or any section or relocation thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sign an indemnity agreement therefor in behalf of the Town indemnifying the Commonwealth as aforesaid, and that the sum of \$100.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account toward the expense and damage thereof.

Article 2. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted that the Town sell all that land located on Farm Street or elsewhere in the Town of Bellingham, consisting of about 170 acres known as the Bellingham Town Farm, together with the personal property of every name and nature to it be-

longing, now located on said Farm whether within or without the buildings thereon, and that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized in the name and behalf of the Town to sign, seal and deliver proper instruments of conveyance of said property.

And also to re-elect the following men:—Richard J. Jacks, Ervin A. Randall, Timothy E. Foley, to act in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Public Welfare as a committee for the purpose of selling said farm, 25 voted in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Article 3. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1,200.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Poor Appropriation to be in addition to the \$3,000.00 voted, raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 4. On motion of David L. Tuttle it was voted to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Forest Fires and Equipment appropriation, to be in addition to the \$500.00 raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting.

Article 5. On motion of Josaphat O. Bernier it was voted that a committee of four voters be appointed, one being the Moderator to act in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen to try to secure better railroad and other transportation service.

On motion of Walter H. Thayer, duly seconded, the warrant was dissolved at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

A True Copy of Record,

Attest:

HAROLD G. SACKETT,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified by law to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Precinct No. 1, at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 2, and at the Schoolhouse in Precinct No. 3, in said Bellingham, on Monday, the fifth of March A. D. 1928, at twelve o'clock noon, for the following purpose:

To bring in their votes upon one ballot to the Election Officers for the following Town Officers:

Moderator, for the term of one year.

Three Selectmen, for the term of one year.

Town Treasurer, for the term of one year.

Collector of Taxes, for the term of one year.

One Assessor of Taxes, for the term of three years.

Town Clerk, for the term of one year.

Four Constables, for the term of one year.

Tree Warden, for the term of one year.

One Overseer of the Poor, for the term of three years.

One member of the School Committee, for the term of three years.

Two Public Library Trustees, for the term of three years.

One member of the Cemetery Committee, for the term of three years.

The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock at night.

Subsequent Meeting.

And also to meet in the Town Hall in said Bellingham on Monday, the nineteenth of March A. D., 1928, at eight o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To hear the reports of the several Boards and other Town Officers and act thereon.

2 To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the following appointed Committees:—

Town Farm Sale Committee
By-Laws Committee
Fire Department Committee,

and act or do anything in relation thereto.

3. To vote appropriations for the following purposes, or act or do anything in relation thereto:—

1. Moderator's Salary. 2. Selectmen's Department.
3. Accountant's Department. 4. Treasurer's Department.
5. Collector's Department. 6. Assessor's Department.
7. Certifying Notes. 8. Town Clerk's Department. 9. Election and Registration Department. 10. Town Hall. 11. Police Department. 12. Fires and Compensation to Other Towns. 13. Sealer of Weights and Measures. 14. Moth Extermination. 15. Tree Warden. 16. Forest Fires and Equipment. 17. Dog Officer's Salary. 18. Health. 19. Maintenance of County Hospital. 20. Highways, General Repairs. 21. Bridges and Railings. 22. Snow Re-

moval. 23. Signs and Guideboards. 24. Street Lighting. 25. Maintenance South Main Street. 26. Permanent Work-Centre and Franklin Streets. 27. Land Damages Centre and Franklin Streets. 28. Land Damages Mendon and Mechanics Streets. 29. Public Welfare. 30. Maintenance Town Farm. 31. Mothers' Aid. 32. State Aid. 33. Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves. 34. Schools. 35. Library. 36. Printing Town Reports. 37. Memorial Day. 38. Unclassified. 39. Cemeteries. 40. Interest.

4. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Accountant to transfer \$1,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to a Reserve Fund, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1928, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes thereof in the name of the Town.

6. To see if the Town will vote to pay for the surety bonds of such Town officers as are required to be bonded.

7. To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salaries of the Assessors at \$300.00 per year for each Assessor, and to fix the Salary of the Assessor acting as Clerk at \$200.00 per year, said sum being in addition to his pay as Assessor; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote that each Board of Assessors may make such regulations as to their working hours as they deem suitable, and that they may impose fines for the violation of such regulations; said fines to be deducted from the Assessors' pay, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Woodland Road

in from South Main Street, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to install additional street lights on Center Street from the end of the present line to Franklin Street, and on Franklin Street to the corner of Franklin and Lake Streets, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to have street lights installed on Centre and Park Streets, from the end of the present line on Centre Street to the corner of Park and Lake Streets, (McCarthy's Corner so-called); and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the cost of maintaining these lights; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Massachusetts Board of Public Works or the Massachusetts legislature to construct a trunk highway from Boston to the Connecticut State line over the route of the old Boston-Hartford Turnpike, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a town nursery for the growing of shade trees for the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the same, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to set shade trees along the highways in the various sections of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 therefor, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase additional settees or chairs for the Town Hall, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to trim and care for the shrubbery on the Town Hall grounds and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

17. To see if the Town will vote to install one additional street light on South Main Street, between the residences of Mrs. John Hunter and Mr. John Graves; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to install one additional street light on Centre Street, between the corner of South Main Street and the first light on Centre Street, running northerly, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

19. To see if Town will vote to accept Muron Avenue and Pine Grove Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to be spent on Farm Street, Caryville, beginning on Hartford Avenue, Caryville, and running westerly on said Farm street for approximately 500 feet; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public places designated by a vote of said town, seven days at least before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Bellingham this 26th day of January A. D., 1928.

HAROLD M. BULLARD,
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,
WILFRID N. DUFRESNE,
Selectmen of Bellingham.

Attest:

.....
Constable of Bellingham.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee, after being appointed by the Moderator at the March Town Meeting, met and organized with Harold G. Sackett, Chairman, and Arthur B. Martel, Clerk.

Meetings were held before each Town Meeting, and the various articles in the warrants were gone over. At the close of the fiscal year, the committee met with the various departments, and prepared a budget for the coming year. Their recommendations are as follows:

Article 3.

Item	1. Moderator's Salary	\$25.00
"	2. Selectmen's Department	400.00
"	3. Accountant's Department	450.00
"	4. Treasurer's Department	400.00
"	5. Tax Collector's Department.....	1,000.00
"	6. Assessors' Department	1,375.00
"	7. Certifying Notes	20.00
"	8. Town Clerk's Department.....	650.00
"	9. Election and Registration.....	700.00
"	10. Town Hall Department.....	950.00
"	11. Police Department	700.00
"	12. Fires and Compensation to other Towns.	500.00
"	13. Sealer of Weights and Measures.....	100.00
"	14. Moth Extermination	250.00
"	15. Tree Warden	400.00
"	16. Forest Fires and Equipment.....	500.00

"	17.	Dog Officer	30.00
"	18.	Board of Health.....	1,000.00
"	19.	Maintenance of Norfolk County Hos- pital.	728.80
"	20.	Highways, General, Repairs, Chapter 81.	5,250.00
"	21.	Bridges and Railings.....	500.00
"	22.	Snow Removal	2,000.00
"	23.	Signs and Guideboards.....	100.00
"	24.	Street Lighting	5,000.00
"	25.	Highways, Maintenance, South Main Street, Chapter 90	1,325.00
"	26.	Highways, Permanent Work, Centre Street, Chapter 90	5,000.00
"	27.	Board of Public Welfare.....	3,000.00
"	28.	Mothers' Aid	500.00
"	29.	State Aid	150.00
"	30.	Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.	30.00
"	31.	School Department	39,210.00
"	32.	Library Department	500.00
"	33.	Printing Town Reports.....	400.00
"	34.	Memorial Day	100.00
"	35.	Unclassified.	10.00
"	36.	Cemeteries.	150.00
"	37.	Interest.	3,000.00
"	38.	Town Farm Maintenance.....	1,400.00
"	39.	Land Damages, Centre and Franklin Streets.	377.00
"	40.	Land Damages, Mendon and Mechanic Streets.	3,000.00
Article	4.	Recommended.	
"	5.	Recommended.	
"	6.	Recommended.	
"	7.	Recommended.	
"	8.	Recommended.	

- " 9. Recommended.
- " 10. Voted to leave to the discretion of the voters.
- " 11. Voted to leave to the discretion of the voters.
- " 12. Recommended.
- " 13. Recommended.
- " 14. Recommended.
- " 15. Voted to leave to the discretion of the voters.
- " 16. Recommended \$50.00.
- " 17. Recommended.
- " 18. Recommended.
- " 19. Voted to leave to the discretion of the voters.
- " 20. Recommended to dismiss.

HAROLD G. SACKETT, *Chairman*,
 ARTHUR B. MARTEL, *Clerk*,
 L. FRANCIS THAYER,
 ELDRED J. WENTZELL,
 ADDISON E. BULLARD,
 PERRY GOLDWAITE,
 TIMOTHY E. FOLEY,
 WALDO I. COOK,
 ALBERT G. MOWRY.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Bellingham:

The Board of Selectmen organized last March with Harold M. Bullard chosen as Chairman and David L. Tuttle appointed as Clerk.

Regular meetings of the Board were held weekly from March until July, after which they were held every second Monday. Minutes of the meetings are on record.

Following the example set by the Federal Government, the Town's tax rate was lowered to Twenty-Two Dollars per thousand; a reduction of Ten Dollars, as compared with the previous year's rate. This was all the more remarkable because the valuation increase was below normal. Incidentally, our tax rate this year was lower than that of most Towns in the State.

If the Town can maintain a low rate for several years—there is no reason which it can't if it is able to keep the cost of the departments at a reasonable figure and does not issue more bonds—it undoubtedly will be a factor in inducing new people and business to establish in our Town.

HAROLD M. BULLARD, *Chairman*,
CHESTER H. RICHARDS,
WILFRED N. DUFRESNE.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—

I am glad to report that steady progress is being made on the Highways.

The general repair work was done under the supervision of the State in accordance with the budget determined on in the Spring by the Selectmen and the Division of Highways.

The Town, with aid from the County and State, did considerable work on South Main Street (Scott Hill Road) this past year. At the present time, considering the amount of travel, it is in good condition, but until a new roadbed is laid this road will need constant attention.

The new road from Crooks' Corner to Franklin was started on Centre and Franklin Streets, and Bellingham's part is now about one-half finished. When completed this road will afford a direct and much shorter route to Franklin for the people of South Bellingham and vicinity.

For the co-operation of the Selectmen and the Highway employees, I offer my sincere thanks.

STEPHEN E. SCOTT,
Superintendent of Highways.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Registrars organized for the year 1927, with Michael F. Ryan, Chairman, and Harold G. Sackett, Clerk.

The registrars have held five meetings for the registration of voters, two at the Town Hall, one at North Bellingham, and two at South Bellingham.

The annual meeting for correction of lists was held, this being required by law.

One meeting was held for the certification of nomination papers, one meeting to canvass the vote of Town Election, and one meeting for the recount of vote for constable.

Number of Registered Voters December 31, 1927

	Males	Females	Totals
Precinct 1	134	92	226
Precinct 2	137	118	255
Precinct 3	205	149	354
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Totals.	476	359	835

Number of Names Added to Register in 1927

	Males	Females	Totals
Precinct 1	10	9	19
Precinct 2	5	6	11
Precinct 3	24	16	40
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Totals.	39	31	70

Number of names dropped in 1927, 71. Net loss 1. Total,
835.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. RYAN, *Chairman*,
ROBERT H. HUNTER,
THEODORE HENEALT,
HAROLD G. SACKETT, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The work of testing all cattle by Federal and State aid is increasing and more cities and towns are insisting on milk from tested herds and being pasteurized. The compensation may be increased from \$25 to \$50 by the State. All suspicious cases in the town should be reported to the town inspector as soon as possible; also any cattle brought in from outside the State without a permit must be reported.

Some of our cattle owners have had their herds State and Federal tested; this work is going on all over the country in hopes to eradicate tuberculosis. A tested herd, if free on second test, is known as an accredited herd and when a section is clean it is known as an accredited area.

Some of our owners of swine have had their hogs inoculated by the State, which makes them immune to Hog Cholera, a wise precaution.

Glanders in horses, Hog Cholera, Rabies in dogs (in fact any stray dog acting strangely), should be reported to the inspector at once; better be safe than sorry.

The cattle and condition in which they are kept were never better than they are at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

There were no changes in the law this year in regard to inspection and stamping of meat intended for sale.

While most of the stock to be dressed is sold on the hoof and taken to Woonsocket or to some licensed slaughter house, still the owner, for his own use, may dress off his own stock without having the meat stamped. But, if any part is intended for sale, it must be inspected and stamped.

I think that our people intend to comply with the law, for which I thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF DAIRIES

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The work in better sanitary condition in handling milk, healthier cattle by testing and weeding out, is still going on everywhere. Most of the milk from this Town is sold in Woonsocket; pasteurized milk or milk from cows inspected by their Agent is allowed to be sold.

As required by law and instructed by you, I have inspected and given Producers' Permits to 42 dairies that are making one can of milk or more per day.

If each dairyman would carefully clean and whitewash his stable, and also keep his cows thoroughly clean, I think that they would pass inspection with such accommodations as they already have.

I want to impress on our dairymen that it is better to keep their cows and stables in the best possible condition of their own accord, than to be forced to do so by a State officer.

In warm weather, the cooling of milk, the water supply, cleanliness of cans and bottles will have to be carefully attended to.

EXTRACTS FROM GENERAL LAWS

CHAPTER 94

Section 43. No producer of or dealer in milk shall sell or deliver for sale in any town any milk produced or dealt in by him without first obtaining from the board of health of such town a permit authorizing such sale or delivery.

Said board of health may issue such permit after an inspection of milk, and of the place where and the circumstances under which it is produced and handled, has been made by it or by its authorized agent. Any permit so granted may contain such reasonable conditions as said board deems suitable for protecting the public health and may be revoked for failure to comply with any of such conditions. No charge shall be made to the producer for such permit. After a permit has been revoked, it may be reissued in the same manner in which the original permit was issued. The board revoking or reissuing said permit shall immediately send notice thereof to the Department of Public Health which may enforce this provision. The department shall at once inform the Board of Health of any other town where, in its judgment, milk produced by the person to which the permit relates would be likely to be sold or delivered for sale, and it shall also give notice of such revocation or re-issue to any dealer in milk who in its judgment would be likely to purchase milk from such person; and upon receipt of notice of revocation no dealer so notified shall sell or offer for sale such milk. Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 44. No fee for making any inspection or test of live stock, or any inspection of any dairy, barn or stable, under authority of law, for the purpose of protecting the milk supply of any town shall be requested or accepted by any official or other person making or assisting to make such test or inspection. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

I have found conditions generally good, and owners willing to co-operate, for which I thank them.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL E. WHITE,

Inspector of Dairies.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1927.

All places of business in the Town of Bellingham were visited by me after notification by public notice, as the law requires, that all scales, measures, etc., would be sealed without fee if brought to my office.

Scales, Measures, etc., Sealed

Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs. adjusted and sealed.....	4
Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs. adjusted and sealed....	14
Computing Scales, adjusted and sealed.....	23
Computing Scales condemned	0
Other Scales adjusted and sealed.....	12
Number of Weights sealed.....	73
Measuring Pumps adjusted and sealed.....	35
Measuring Machines adjusted and sealed.....	2
Office calls	15

Fees received—\$32.50

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. NASH.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors of the Town of Bellingham present the following list of the valuation and tax for the year 1927:

Number of male polls assessed.....	785
Number of males assessed on poll tax only...	240
Number of residents assessed on property....	964
Number of non-residents assessed	587
Whole number of persons assessed.....	1,812
Number of horses assessed	165
Number of cows assessed	439
Number of other cattle assessed.....	60
Number of swine assessed	37
Number of fowls assessed	7,434
Number of dwelling houses assessed.....	693
Number of acres of land assessed.....	11,097
Valuation of personal estate	\$496,943.00
Valuation of real estate.....	\$2,060,055.00
Total valuation of Town.....	\$2,556,998.00
Rate of taxation \$22.00 per \$1,000.	

CARROLL E. WHITE,
DANIEL J. DWYER,
FRANK E. HOAR,

Assessors of Bellingham.

WALTER H. THAYER,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—

By State law, the Overseers of Poor in Massachusetts are now known as the Board of Public Welfare.

The big reduction in the costs of operating this department was the outstanding feature this past year and aided in the reduction in the tax rate.

A comparison between 1926 and 1927 is as follows:—

RECEIPTS

1926.	\$2,208.26
1927.	1,540.43

(The Board was able to collect \$250.00 on an account which has been outstanding for several years; this is contained in the 1927 receipts.)

PAYMENTS

Administration

1926.	\$475.51
1927.	177.50

Outside Relief

1926.	\$1,601.78
1927.	1,466.13

Relief by Other Cities and Towns

1926.	\$582.84
1927.	418.73

Other

1926 (Almshouse)	\$6,005.41
1927 (Milford Town Farm, Board and Care)	621.90
1927 (Maintenance Town Farm)	1,606.37

As can be seen from this a material saving was effected by the closing of the Almshouse, and as soon as this is sold the cost of maintenance will be eliminated.

WARREN E. WHITING, *Chairman*,
HIRAM E. CROOKS.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH EXTERMINATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have trimmed the trees on the most of the streets in the town, and cut a number of dead trees; there are several more that should be cut this year.

The Gypsy Moth remains about the same. The Elm Beetle is increasing in parts of the town, and may have to be sprayed for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS E. WHITNEY,

Tree Warden and Local Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—

I respectfully submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1927. Included in my report are the statements required by Chapter 44 of the General Laws:—

List of Receipts and Payments, made in accordance with the books of the Division of Accounts;

List of Town Indebtedness;

List of Appropriation made, Amounts, Purposes Spent for, and Unexpended Balances (Recapitulation).

Balance Sheet, as of December 31, 1927, is also included.

For the uniform assistance and co-operation of the various departments I wish to express my sincere thanks.

DAVID L. TUTTLE,

Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes

Current Year—

Poll.	\$1,500.00	
Personal and Real Estate.....	34,037.74	
	<hr/>	\$35,537.74

Previous Years—

Poll.	\$8.00	
Personal and Real Estate.....	26,156.17	
	<hr/>	26,164.17

From State—

Corp. Tax, Public Service.....	\$1,033.83	
Corp. Tax, Business	4,572.07	
Income Tax	8,831.45	
National Bank Tax	81.26	
	<hr/>	14,518.61

Permits

Selectmen—

Silver Lake	\$100.00	
Common Victuallers	18.00	
Sunday, Ice Cream and Soda.....	7.00	
Garage.	2.00	
Bus.	25.00	
	<hr/>	152.00

Fines and Forfeits

Court.	1,607.35
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Grants and Gifts

From State—

Massachusetts School Funds.....	\$2,443.41	
High School Tuition.....	2,581.45	
Union Superintendency	676.67	
High School Transportation.....	2,241.90	
	<hr/>	7,943.43

From County—

Dog Licenses	706.20
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Total for General Revenue.....	<hr/> \$86,629.50
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*Commercial Revenue**Departmental*

General Government—

Accountant—Telephone.	\$23.86
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Treasurer—Allowance Check Book.	20.00	
Town Hall—Rentals	96.00	
Inspection—		
Sealer—Fees.	43.00	
From State—Animal Inspection...	70.00	
Forestry—		
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.—Rail- road Fires	167.09	
Health—		
From State—Subsidy Aid.....	147.14	
Reimbursement Hospital Bill.....	34.29	
Highways—		
State:		
Construction.	\$15,865.12	
General Repairs	4,200.00	
	<hr/>	20,065.12
County:		
Construction.	\$6,889.24	
Land Damages	1,918.50	
	<hr/>	8,807.74
Charities—		
Farm Receipts	\$1,540.43	
State—Temporary Aid	261.00	
Mothers' Aid	2,014.00	
	<hr/>	3,815.43
Soldiers' Benefits—		
From State:		
State Aid	\$192.00	
Soldiers' Benefits	11.29	
	<hr/>	203.29

Schools—

Tuition, State Wards.....	\$1,150.35	
Other Tuition	484.34	
Rent.	25.00	
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		1,659.69

Library—

Fines.		2.76
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Interest—

Deposits.	\$142.64	
Deferred Taxes	1,410.43	
Perpetual Care Funds.....	181.25	
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		1,734.32

Total for Commercial Revenue..	\$36,889.73
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Municipal Indebtedness

Temporary Revenue Loans.....	\$60,000.00
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Agency, Trust and Investments

Cemetery, Perpetual Care:

Deposits.	\$850.00
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Refunds—

Highway, General Repairs.....	\$4.80	
Highway, Snow Removal.....	8.00	
Taxes, 1926	23.26	
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		36.06

Total Receipts	\$184,405.29
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1927.....	6,753.63

Grand Total	\$191,158.92
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PAYMENTS

General Government

Moderator—		
Salary.		\$20.80
Selectmen—		
Salaries.	\$161.70	
Expense.	30.00	
Clerk.	75.00	
Printing and Postage.	25.62	
All other	39.70	
	<hr/>	332.02
Accountant—		
Salary.	400.00	
Printing and Postage.	10.00	
Supplies.	20.28	
Safe.	100.00	
All other	33.13	
	<hr/>	563.41
Treasurer—		
Salary.	300.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage..	61.17	
Surety Bond	35.00	
All other	2.60	
	<hr/>	398.77
Collector—		
Wages.	637.01	
Expense.	56.81	
Printing, Stationery and Postage..	55.65	
Surety Bond and Insurance.	104.00	
Expense Tax, Title Sale.	17.70	
All other	12.79	
	<hr/>	883.96

Assessors—

Wages.	1,307.00	
Auto Hire	105.00	
Printing and Postage.	75.64	
Abstracts and Deeds.	94.50	
All other	17.50	
	<hr/>	1,599.64
Certifying Notes		12.00
Law.		140.00

Town Clerk—

Salary.	408.33	
Recording Fees	119.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage.	7.90	
All other	96.15	
	<hr/>	631.38

Election and Registration—

Registrars.	88.50	
Election Officers	112.00	
Printing and Postage.	32.25	
All other	13.75	
	<hr/>	246.50

Town Hall—

Janitor.	144.00	
Fuel.	44.80	
Light.	52.06	
Janitors' Supplies	14.00	
Repairs.	16.29	
Extinguisher.	25.39	
Insurance.	388.40	
	<hr/>	684.94

Total for General Government. . .	<hr/>	\$5,513.42
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Protection of Persons and Property

Police—

Wages and Auto Hire.....	\$400.00	
Traffic Duty	73.50	
Traffic Signs	11.00	
Uniforms and Equipment.....	84.25	
Telephone.....	51.03	
All other	8.93	
	<hr/>	628.71

Fires and Compensation to other

Towns.....		53.10
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Sealer of Weights and Measures—

Sealer.....	50.00	
Transportation.....	15.50	
Equipment.....	1.35	
All other	2.09	
	<hr/>	68.94

Forestry

Moth Extermination—

Labor.....	\$239.10	
Teams.....	10.80	
	<hr/>	249.90

Tree Warden—

Labor.....	340.80	
Equipment.....	3.50	
All other	54.20	
	<hr/>	398.50

Forest Fires and Equipment—

Forest Warden	150.00	
Town Fires	501.27	
Railroad Fires	24.34	

Equipment.	197.34	
All other	15.00	
		887.95
Dog Officer		30.00
Total for Protection, Persons and Property.		\$2,317.10
<i>Health</i>		
General Administration—		
Salaries.	\$30.00	
Expense.	15.00	
All other	26.00	
		71.00
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases—		
Board and Treatment.	34.29	
Medical Treatment	15.00	
All other	83.53	
		132.82
Tuberculosis—		
Board and Treatment.	302.90	
Maintenance County Hospital.	613.73	
Medical Treatments	33.00	
		949.63
Vital Statistics—		
Births.	33.75	
Deaths.	10.00	
		43.75
Other Expense		3.00
Inspection—		
Animals.	\$140.00	
Meats and Provisions.	45.00	
Milk and Vinegar.	50.00	
		235.00
Total for Health.		\$1,435.20

Highways

General Repairs—

Supervision.	\$1,009.00	
Labor.	4,466.39	
Teams, Trucks, Tractor and Roller.	1,635.53	
Stone.	112.05	
Equipment and Repairs.	243.97	
Gravel.	298.30	
Tarvia.	1,491.83	
Sand.	117.60	
Pipe.	285.84	
Oil.	35.70	
Drilling.	37.23	
Other.	9.60	
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		9,743.04

Care of Water, 1926 and 1927.	14.80
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Snow and Ice Removal—

Wages.	\$828.13	
Trucks.	558.80	
Snow Plow	275.00	
All other	11.53	
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		1,673.46

Bridges and Railings—

Labor.	\$163.25	
Lumber.	126.96	
Paint.	101.33	
All other	70	
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		392.24

Street Lighting	4,326.90
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Signs and Guideboards.	49.05
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South Main Street Maintenance—

Supervision.	\$366.00
Labor.	1,092.94

Teams and Trucks.....	492.38	
Sand and Loam.....	490.25	
Supplies.	1.60	
Gravel Loader	45.00	
Roller.	168.75	
Oil.	316.75	
Tarvia.	1,443.92	
Contractor.	630.15	
Grout.	23.00	
Stone.	142.88	
Gravel.	43.00	
Water Cart	24.00	
Other.	19.38	
	<hr/>	5,300.00
Centre and Franklin Sts., Construction—		
Contract.	\$14,955.20	
Advertising.	29.55	
Frames and Grates.....	22.00	
Extras.	21.59	
Grading.	125.00	
	<hr/>	15,153.34
Centre and Franklin Sts. Land Dam-		
ages.		3,382.00
Land Damages, North Main St., 1924.		360.00
South Main St. Construction, 1924...		99.22
South Main and Centre Sts. Construc-		
tion, 1926—		
Contract.	\$2,843.53	
Drainage Materials	41.56	
	<hr/>	2,885.09
Total for Highways.....		<hr/> \$43,379.14

*Charities and Soldiers' Benefits**Poor*

General Administration—

Salaries.	\$112.50
Expense.	55.00
All other	10.00

177.50

Outside Relief By Town—

Coal and Wood.	\$28.00
Board and Care.	87.00
Medical Attention	156.25
State Institution	426.00
Cash Furnished Poor.	741.00
All other	27.88

1,466.13

Relief by other Towns and Cities....

418.73

Milford Town Farm—

Board and Care.	621.90
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Maintenance Town Farm—

Caretaker.	\$904.80
Unpaid Bills previous years.	146.80
Insurance.	34.72
Cleaning Up Farm.	45.80
Plowing and Seeding.	131.68
Haying.	246.00
Plumbing.	67.41
Paint Supplies	11.23
All other	17.93

1,606.37

Town Farm Sale—

Surveying.	\$342.05
Advertising.	35.84

Auctioneer.	195.00	
All other	2.02	
		<hr/> 574.91
Mothers' Aid		1,087.00
Soldiers' Benefits—		
State Aid	\$174.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves.	30.00	
		<hr/> 204.00
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Total for Charities and Soldiers' Benefits.		\$6,156.54

School and Library

Schools.	\$38,513.45
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(For classification in detail see
School Report)

Library—		
Librarian.	\$100.00	
Financial Clerk	10.00	
Janitor and Cleaning.	22.50	
Books.	235.85	
Periodicals.	18.50	
Insurance.	21.07	
Rent.	25.00	
Fuel and Light.	24.00	
Transporting Books	20.00	
All other	22.85	
		<hr/> 499.77

Total for Schools and Library..	\$39,013.22
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Unclassified

Damages to Property.....	\$150.00
Memorial Day	79.55
Printing Town Reports.....	435.62

Total for Unclassified.....	\$665.17
Cemeteries.	\$130.10

Interest—

Temporary Loans	\$1,222.37	
Schoolhouse Loans	1,155.00	
	<hr/>	2,377.37

Municipal Indebtedness—

Temporary Loans	\$70,000.00	
Schoolhouse Loans	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	71,500.00

Agency and Trust—

State Tax	\$4,440.00	
County Tax	3,702.81	
Highway Tax	636.00	
Audit Tax	71.67	
Cemetery, Perpetual Care:		
Interest Withdrawn	181.25	
Deposits.	850.00	
	<hr/>	9,881.73

Refunds—

Snow Removal	\$8.00	
Highways, General Repairs.....	4.80	
Taxes, 1926	23.26	
	<hr/>	36.06

Total Payments	\$182,405.05
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1928.....	8,753.87

Grand Total	\$191,158.92
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OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS

REVENUE LOANS

Date of Issue	Rate	Date of Maturity	Dec. 31, 1927	Total
			Amount Outstanding	
November 4, 1927	3.80	October 25, 1928....	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

SCHOOLHOUSE LOANS

August 1, 1920	5½%	1927-1940.	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
		(\$1500 Annually)		
		Grand Total		\$29,500.00

RECAPITULATION

Appropriation Balances, Jan. 1, 1927	Appropriations, 1927	Transfers or Receipts	Total	Overdrawn Accts., 1926	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Appropriation Balances, Jan. 1, 1928
.....	\$25.00	.....	\$25.00	.....	Moderator	\$20.80	\$4.20	.....	.....
.....	425.00	.....	425.00	.....	Selectmen	332.02	92.98	.....	.....
.....	470.00	.....	470.00	.....	Accountant	463.41	6.59	.....	.....
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	Accountant's Safe	100.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	Treasurer	398.77	1.23	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....	Collector	883.96	116.04	.....	.....
.....	1,350.00	\$250.00	1,600.00	.....	Assessors	1,599.64	.36	.....	.....
.....	20.00	.....	20.00	.....	Certifying Notes	12.00	8.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	140.00	140.00	.....	Law	140.00	140.00	.....	.....
.....	600.00	31.38	631.38	.....	Town Clerk	631.38	.....	.....	.....
.....	250.00	.....	250.00	.....	Election and Registration	246.50	3.50	.....	.....
.....	677.00	7.94	684.94	.....	Town Hall	684.94	.....	.....	.....
.....	700.00	.....	700.00	.....	Police	628.71	71.29	.....	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	Fire and Compensation, Other	53.10	446.90	.....	.....
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	Towns	68.94	31.06	.....	.....
.....	250.00	.....	250.00	.....	Sealer of Weights and Measures	249.90	.10	.....	.....
.....	400.00	.....	400.00	.....	Moth Extermination	398.50	1.50	.....	.....
.....	500.00	515.00	1,015.00	.....	Tree Warden	887.95	127.05	.....	.....
.....	30.00	.....	30.00	.....	Forest Fires and Equipment	30.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dog Officer	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,200.00	55.54	1,255.54	.....	HEALTH AND SANITATION	821.47	434.07	.....	.....
.....	613.73	.....	613.73	.....	Health	613.73	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	Maintenance County Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....
\$1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salisbury St. Drain	.....	.....	.....	\$1,000.00

RECAPITULATION—Continued.

Appropriation Balances, Jan. 1, 1927	Appropriations, 1927	Transfers or Receipts	Total	Overdrawn Accts., 1926	HIGHWAYS	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Appropriation Balances, Jan. 1, 1928
.....	5,250.00	4,493.04	9,743.04	.....	General Repairs	9,743.04	.....	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	Bridges and Railings	392.24	107.76	.....
.....	2,000.00	62.00	2,062.00	.....	Snow Removal	1,673.46	388.54	.....
.....	150.00	.....	150.00	.....	Signs and Guideboards	49.05	100.95	.....
.....	4,300.00	26.90	4,326.90	.....	Street Lighting	4,326.90	.....	.....
.....	1,325.00	3,975.00	5,300.00	.....	South Main St. Maintenance	5,300.00	.....	.....
.....	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	.....	Centre and Franklin St. Construc- tion	15,153.34	.....	4,846.66
.....	.....	4,511.00	4,511.00	.....	Centre and Franklin St. Land Damages	3,382.00	.....	1,129.00
.....	.....	100.00	1,000.00	.....	Mendon and Mechanics St. Land Damages	.....	.....	100.00
2,885.09	.....	.....	2,885.09	.....	So. Main and Centre St. Construc- tion, '26	2,885.09	.....	.....
.....	.....	99.22	99.22	.....	So. Main St. Construction, '24	99.22	.....	.....
.....	.....	360.00	360.00	.....	No. Main St. Land Damages, '24	360.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	14.80	14.80	.....	Care of Water at Centre, '26 and '27	14.80	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS	.....	.....	.....
.....	3,000.00	1,728.64	4,728.64	.....	Poor	4,290.63	192.99	245.02
.....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	Town Farm Sale Expense	574.91	.....	425.09
.....	2,000.00	112.00	2,112.00	.....	Mothers' Aid	1,087.00	1,025.00	.....
.....	250.00	.....	250.00	.....	State Aid	174.00	76.00	.....
.....	30.00	.....	30.00	.....	Care Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	SCHOOL AND LIBRARY	.....	.....	.....
.....	38,600.00	8.04	38,608.04	.....	Schools	38,513.45	94.59	.....
.....	500.00	.....	500.00	.....	Library	499.77	.23	.....

RECAPITULATION—Concluded.

Appropriation Balances, Jan. 1, 1927	Appropriations, 1927	Transfers or Receipts	Total	Overdrawn Accts., 1926			
.....	440.00	.....	440.00	.....	UNCLASSIFIED		
.....	160.00	.....	160.00	.....	Printing Town Reports		
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	Damage to Property (Unclassified)		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Memorial Day		
.....	150.00	.....	150.00	.....	CEMETERIES		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cemeteries		
.....	3,000.00	.....	3,000.00	.....	INTEREST		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Interest		
.....	.....	60,000.00	60,000.00	.....	MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
.....	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00	.....	Revenue Loans		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	School House Loan		
.....	4,440.00	.....	4,440.00	.....	AGENCY AND TRUST		
.....	636.00	.....	636.00	.....	State Tax		
.....	71.67	.....	71.67	.....	State Highway Tax		
.....	3,702.81	.....	3,702.81	.....	State Audit Tax		
.....	.....	181.25	181.25	.....	County		
.....	.....	850.00	850.00	.....	Cemeteries, Perpetual Care, Int.		
.....	784.43	.....	784.43	\$784.43	Cemeteries, Perpetual Care, Deposits		
.....	.....	36.06	36.06	.....	Overdrawn Accounts, 1926		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Refunds		
\$3,885.09	\$87,500.64	\$83,557.81	\$184,943.54	\$784.43	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Appropriation Balances, Jan 1, 1928
					\$182,405.05	\$4,008.29	\$7,745.77

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash (Treasurer).....	\$8,753.87	Temporary Loans:	
Cash (Departmental).....	5.00	Anticipation of Revenue.....	\$10,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		Surplus Tax Title Sale.....	25.00
Levy of 1926.....	\$8,212.24	Surplus War Bonus.....	1,132.55
Levy of 1927.....	21,962.78	Appropriation Balances:	
Poll Tax Levy of 1927.....	80.00	Salisbury St. Drain.....	\$1,000.00
Tax Titles	30,255.02	Centre and Franklin St. Construction	4,846.66
Departmental Accounts Receivable:		Centre and Franklin St. Land Dam-	
State—		ages.....	1,129.00
Highways.....	\$2,522.40	Mendon and Mechanic St. Land Dam-	
Subsidy Aid.....	177.10	ages.....	100.00
Mothers' Aid.....	200.00	Poor.....	245.02
State Aid.....	174.00	Town Farm Sale.....	425.09
County—			<u>7,745.77</u>
Highways.....	1,261.20	Overlay—Reserved for Abatements:	
Land Damages.....	132.50	Levy of 1926.....	\$516.01
Poor Accts. Receivable from Individuals.....	5,467.20	Levy of 1927.....	1,657.69
	383.16		
		Overlay Surplus.....	2,173.70
		Tax Title Reserve.....	3,217.81
		Departments Revenue.....	1,950.93
		Excess and Deficiency.....	2,066.76
		Surplus Revenue.....	10,373.29
			<u>8,129.37</u>
			<u>\$46,815.18</u>
DEBT ACCOUNTS			
Net Funded or Fixed Debt.....	\$19,500.00	Schoolhouse Loan.....	\$19,500.00
			<u>\$19,500.00</u>
TRUST ACCOUNTS			
Trust Funds:			
Cash and Securities.....	\$5,194.04	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....	\$5,194.04
			<u>\$5,194.04</u>

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Cash, January 1, 1927.....	\$6,753.63
Receipts for 1927.....	184,405.29
	\$191,158.92

Cr.

Expended in 1927.....	\$182,405.05
Cash as of January 1, 1928.....	8,753.87
	\$191,158.92

WALTER H. THAYER,
Treasurer.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

	Amount Deposited	Interest 1927	Paid	Whitney	For Care	Balance Dec. 31, 1927
Lavinia Taft.....	\$50.00	\$2.52	Lewis E.	.....	\$3.50	\$3.42
A. M. Clark.....	30.00	1.51	"	"	1.50	1.06
Amos Keach.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.61
Olive Cushman.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.61
Calvin N. Rockwood.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	5.00	5.14
Benjamin E. Marble.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.69
Martin Rockwood.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.71
Ira Fisk.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.74
Fred Sherburne.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.74
Warren Lazelle.....	37.50	1.88	"	"	2.50	2.74
George Nelson.....	75.00	1.26	"	"	2.00	1.78
Young and Thayer.....	25.00	3.78	"	"	1.25	1.37
Albert G. Burr.....	40.00	2.02	"	"	3.50	4.44
Horatio Thayer.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	2.00	2.08
Alvin Clark.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	4.00	9.96
Addison Burr.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.73
Orlando Clark.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.56
Eli Pond.....	25.00	1.26	"	"	2.50	2.60
Daniel Pickering.....	25.00	1.26	"	"	1.00	1.94
William O. Rhodes.....	40.00	2.02	"	"	1.00	2.16
Samuel Darling.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.00	2.04
Emma A. Chilton.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	2.50	2.53
Cushman Smith and Eames.....	125.00	6.30	"	"	4.00	7.08
Joslin and Briggs.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	4.00	10.62
Mrs. Joseph Fisk.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.53
George Sherburne.....	75.00	3.78	"	"	2.50	2.70
Edwin Darling.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	3.00	5.76
Diana D. Spooner.....	75.00	3.78	"	"	2.50	2.73
Caleb Adams.....	75.00	3.78	"	"	3.50	6.06
Joseph Cross.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	3.50	5.27
David G. Jones.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	2.50	2.71
Nathan Rockwood.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	4.00	18.20
Henry M. Rockwood.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	2.50	2.72
					2.50	2.52

Eugene Webber.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	"	4.00	11.48
Sarah R. Drake.....	50.00	2.52	"	"	"	2.00	3.08
Eliab Holbrook.....	100.00	5.04	"	"	"	5.00	5.27
Thompson Thayer.....	25.00	1.26				0.00	3.39
Edward and Walter Thayer.....	100.00	5.04				0.00	13.75
Lizzie A. Graves.....	100.00	5.04				0.00	8.29
Albert A. Handcock.....	100.00	5.04				0.00	5.29
Nathan Grant.....	60.00	3.02				1.50	3.02
Sullivan Bates.....	50.00	2.52				0.00	2.59
Joseph Burr.....	100.00	2.64				0.00	2.54
George W. Blake.....	100.00	1.26				0.00	1.26
David F. Adams.....	100.00	5.04				4.50	7.41
Zebina Bullard.....	100.00	5.04				4.00	5.77
B. Benedict.....	40.00	2.02				2.50	2.85
A. P. Eaton.....	50.00	2.52				2.50	3.04
Sarah Holbrook.....	100.00	5.04				5.00	8.33
Jarvis Cook.....	50.00	2.52				3.50	4.38
P. Bryant.....	100.00	5.04				11.00	5.33
Mary Metcalf.....	100.00	5.04				12.00	5.27
Philip Partridge.....	30.00	1.51				1.50	2.36
Clarissa H. Norcross.....	50.00	2.52				2.50	8.58
Laura A. Cook.....	25.00	1.26				1.00	5.63
Abriam W. Wales.....	100.00	5.04				4.00	8.82
Valentine R. Coombs.....	50.00	1.26				0.00	1.26
Elijah Dewing.....	50.00	1.26				0.00	.28
Stephen A. Coombs.....	25.00	.28				.00	.28
Jesse Coombs.....	25.00	.28				.00	5.63
Oak Hill Cemetery.....	500.00	5.63				0.00	4.27
Hiram M. Cook.....	50.00	2.52				2.00	4.85
Charles W. Thayer.....	50.00	2.52				2.00	2.65
E. Barber.....	30.00	1.51				8.50	25.63
Charles A. Mason.....	200.00	10.08				8.50	26.73
Avery Cook.....	200.00	10.08				2.00	4.64
Willard Thayer.....	50.00	2.52					
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	\$4,857.50	\$214.58				\$181.25	\$336.54
							WALTER H. THAYER, <i>Treasurer.</i>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1925 *Property Tax*

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1927.....	\$3,730.11	
Error in 1926 report.....	14.00	
Interest.	396.16	
	<hr/>	\$4,140.27

Cr.

Paid Treasurer Tax.....	\$3,322.99	
Interest.	396.16	
Tax on Property sold to Town.....	12.37	
Abatements.	408.75	
	<hr/>	\$4,140.27

1926 *Poll Tax*

Dr.

Assessments of February, 1927.....	\$8.00	
	<hr/>	\$8.00

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$8.00	
	<hr/>	\$8.00

1926 *Property Tax*

Dr.

Uncollected January 1, 1927.....	\$30,967.43	
Interest.	933.89	
	<hr/>	\$31,901.32

Cr.

Paid Treasurer Tax.....	\$22,216.47	
Interest.....	933.89	
Tax on Property sold to Town.....	13.60	
Abatements.....	525.12	
Uncollected January 1, 1928.....	8,212.24	
	<hr/>	\$31,901.32

1927 *Poll Tax**Dr.*

Assessors' Warrant	\$1,570.00	
Subsequent Warrant	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,580.00

Cr.

Paid Treasurer Tax.....	\$1,500.00	
Uncollected January 1, 1928.....	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,580.00

1927 *Property Tax**Dr.*

Assessors' Warrant	\$56,253.96	
Subsequent Warrant	52.25	
Interest.....	20.76	
	<hr/>	\$56,326.97

Cr.

Paid Treasurer Tax.....	\$34,037.74	
Interest.....	20.76	
Tax on Property sold to Town.....	294.69	
Abatement.....	11.00	
Uncollected January 1, 1928.....	21,962.78	
	<hr/>	\$56,326.97

WALTER H. THAYER,

Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BELLINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Free Public Library present the following report:

The Board of Trustees have held to the same organization as in the preceding year, Marion P. Thayer, Chairman; A. Evelyn Sackett, Secretary, and Marie P. Cooke, Librarian.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Susie Fairbanks, we received from Mr. George F. Partridge an authentic portrait of the third governor of Massachusetts, Gov. Richard Bellingham, from whom our town is named.

This portrait can be seen at the library.

We have received gifts of books from George H. Stearns and Mrs. Dresser Winn. Magazines have been contributed by Mrs. Mabel Belcher and Marie Cooke.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EVELYN SACKETT,
Secretary.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1927:

The detail work of the Library has gone on as before, nothing new being attempted, all time and care being used for our present line of work.

More interest by the general public is sadly needed and would be gladly appreciated by us. A public library may and should be used by everybody and we would like to see the percentage of readers in our village much higher.

An inspection of our shelves shows an attractive array of books for both young and old.

Too much cannot be said for the wonderful co-operation the Librarian has received from the teachers of the Massey School, which, of course, creates enthusiasm and means better results for the Library and its patrons.

For the last two years we have not received any gifts of books or magazines from the Library Commission, so with the cost of books much higher, we ask for an appropriation of \$500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE P. COOKE,

Librarian.

Accessions

Volumes added by purchase.....	142
By gift.	113
By State.	4
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Circulation

From Central Library	3,915
From Carryville.	1,207
From Crooks' Corner	910
From South School (Approximately).....	700
From North School (Approximately).....	250
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	6,982

Sent to Branches

To Carryville.	306
To Crooks' Corner	273
To South School	236
To North School	237
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	1,052

MARIE P. COOKE,

Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED FROM JANUARY 1, 1927, TO JANUARY 1, 1928

Adult Fiction

Afternoon.	Ertz
Aristocratic Miss Brewster.	Lincoln
Black Knight	Dell
Bardleys.	Sabatini
Blue Castle	Montgomery
Blencarrow.	Mackey
Black Flemings	Norris
Ballarion.	Sabatini
Big Town Round Up.	Raine
Big House	Wasson
Black Angles	Lovelace
Blatchington Tangle	Cole
Broken Trail	Binloss
Crooked Lip	Adams
Cherry Square	Richmond
Cartwright Garden Murder.	Fletcher
Cheyne Mystery	Crofts
Contessas' Sister	Teal
Chinese Parrot	Biggers
Chicken Wagon Family.	Benefield
Darblay Mystery	Freeman
Debits and Credits.	Kipling
De La Pasture.	
Dr. Lavender's People.	Deland
Dance Magic	Kelland
Fellowship of the Frog.	Wallace

Forlorn River	Grey
Gabriel Samara	Oppenheim
Green Dolphin	Bassett
Green Book	Jokai
Gallant Lady.....	Widdemer
God and the Grocery Man.....	Wright
Goseph Greer and His Daughter.....	Webster
Golden Ladder	Hughes
Horton Twins	Kilbourne
Her Son's Wife.....	Canfield
Happy Average	Whitlock
High Silver	Richardson
Idle Island	Hueston
Judge Colt	Raine
Jig Saw	Phillpotts
Jean of the Lazy A.....	Bower
John of Oregon.....	Poling
Kindred of the Dust.....	Kyne
Kindling and Ashes.....	McCutcheon
Key Above the Door.....	Walsh
Light That Failed.....	Kipling
Lanchester of Brazennose.....	McDonald
Magic Garden	Porter
Mantle of Masquerade.....	Emery
Mary Christmas	Chase
Murder of Roger Ackroyd.....	Christie
Master Christopher	Henery
Mathew Ferguson	Blake
Midstream.	Comfort
Mrs. Balfame	Atherton
My Lady of Clieve.....	Hartley
Mad Lover	Connell
My Brother the King.....	Cooper
North of Fifty-three.....	Sinclair
Pearl of Oris Island.....	Stowe

Peter Ibbetson	Du Maurier
Plutocrat.	Tarkington
People I've Smiled With.....	Wilder
Rose of Dutcher's Coolly.....	Garland
Rivers to Cross.....	Pertwee
Story of a Whim.....	Hill
St. Elmo	Wilson
Sporting Chance	Cameron
Spring Tides	Pinkerton
Sweetwater Ranch	White
Show Boat	Ferber
Strength of the Pines.....	Marshall
The Wrecker.....	Stevenson
The Warden.	Trollope
Tish Plays the Game.....	Rinehart
The Kays.....	Deland
The Seagull.	Norris
To-morrow Morning	Parrish
The Pest.	Terhune
Tiges Claw	Terhune
The Odd Number.....	De Maupassant
Understanding Heart	Kyne
Under the Tonton Rim.....	Grey
Viaduct Murder	Knox
Vanishing American	Grey
Van Pattern	Bower
Valley of the Stars.....	Seltzer
West Wind	Garstin
Wolf Hunters	Curwood
Where the Waters Turn.....	Von Ziekursch
White Wolves	Bower
Wallflowers.	Bailey

Juvenile Fiction—Boy

Bar—20 Rides Again.....	Mulford
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Boy Whaleman	Tucker
Boy Through the Ages.....	Stuart
Colonials.	French
Dave Porters' War Honors.....	Stratemeyer
Danial Du Luth.....	McNeil
Jim Spudling, Fisherman.....	Tolman
Long Patrol	Treynor
Long Arm of the Mounted.....	Dorrance
Luck of Roaring Camp.....	Harte
Mounted Troop	Ames
Men and Horses.....	Santee
Out of the West.....	Higgins
On to Oregon.....	Honore
Pud Pringle, Pirate.....	Barbour
Penrod.	Tarkington
Pedro of the Black Death.....	Bennett
Paul Jones	Seawell
Decatuer and Somers.....	Seawell
Red Saunders	Phillips
Tom Brown's School Days.....	Hughes
Tom Brown at Oxford.....	Hughes
Uncle William.	Lee
Uncle Sam's Sailors	Green
With Wolfe in Canada.....	Henty
Wilderness Trail	Williams
William Jackson	Schultz

Juvenile Fiction—Girl

A Year at Miss Austins.....	Bridgeman
Barberry Gate	Abbott
Cobble Corners	Macdonald
Daughter of the Land.....	Porter
Emily Climbs	Montgomery
Freckles.	Porter
Girl Scout Short Stories.....	

Harvester.	Porter
Hammon Twins	Jones
Honor Girl	Macdonald
Inger Johanne's Lively Doings.	Poulsson
John and Susanni.	Price
Mary Redding Takes Charge.	Almond

Juvenile Fiction—Children

Alice's Adventures in Cambridge.	Evarts
American Twins of the Revolution.	Perkins
Charlie in the Surprise House.	Hill
Christmas Reindeer	Burgess
California Fairy Tales.	Shannon
Chi-Wee-Loki.	Moon
Doctor Dolittle's Caravan.	Lofting
David Goes to Greenland.	Putman
Folk Tales	Carrick
Jerry Muskrat at Home.	Burgess
Joan Morse	White
Little Machinery	Liddle
Shen of the Sea.	Chrisman
Treasury of Plays for Children.	Montrose
With Taro and Hana in Japan.	Austin
When Granny Was a Little Girl.	Searince
Winter at Cloverdale Farm.	Orton
Your Workshop	Plimpton
Non Fiction—Biography	
We.	Lindbergh
John Davis, Navigator.	Markham
Boy Through the Ages.	
Sailor of King George.	Beckford
Women and the Alphabet.	Higginson

History

A Campaign in Puerro.	Rice
Arctic Explorations	Kane

Camp and Camino in Lower California....	North
Down the Ravine.....	Craddock
Development of the Navies.....	Eardley
Indians of the Painted Desert Region.....	James
Men, Mines and Animals in South Africa...	Churchill
Wonders of the Colorado Desert.....	James
With the King at Oxford.....	Church

Travel

A Cruse of the Albatros.....	Allen
On the Indian River.....	Hine
Rob Roy on the Jordan.....	Macgregor

Science

Ancient and Modern Light Houses.....	Heap
Industrial Evolution of the United States..	Wright
Initial Studies in American Letters.....	Beers
Modern Aladdins and Their Magic.....	Rush
Naturalist on Desert Island.....	Lowe
Photographic Primer	Worthington
Romantic Love and Personal Beauty.....	Fink
Growth of the American Nation.....	Judson
Boys' Book of the United States.....	Crump
Some First Steps in Human Progress.....	Starr
Etiquette, Jr.	Clark & Quigley

Poetry

Fifes and Drums.....	Vigilantes
Meredith Poems	
Rainbow Gold	Walker

Reference

Little Journeys in Literature.....	Winslow
Stories of the Wagner Opera.....	Guerber

Magazines

American Boy
American Magazine
Dumb Animals
Child Life
Good Housekeeping
Literary Digest
Popular Mechanic
Pictorial Review
St. Nicholas

Vital Records

Nantucket
Nantucket Marriages, Vol. III
Groten Marriages and Deaths, Vol. II
New Salem.

MARIE P. COOKE,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
Town of Bellingham, Mass.
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1927

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION 1927-1928

Ruel S. Thayer, Chairman.....	1929
Aaron Hobart, Secretary.....	1930
Mrs. Esther D. Copeland.....	1928

Superintendent

CARROLL H. DROWN

Truant Officers

ALFRED NASH

E. A. STAPLES

EUGENE RIORDAN

CARROLL H. DROWN

School Physician

FRANCIS H. LALLY, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The Committee organized with Ruel S. Thayer, Chairman, and Aaron W. Hobart, Secretary, holding regular meetings monthly, also special meetings each month throughout the year.

The School Board has tried to show its appreciation of the responsibilities of its position and has given the schools its best efforts.

The Committee especially commends Mr. Carroll H. Drown, Superintendent, for his most conscientious work for the welfare of the school children, and the taxpayers.

All further reports pertaining to the Schools may be obtained from the report of the Superintendent, which we heartily approve.

RUEL S. THAYER,
AARON W. HOBART,
ESTHER D. COPELAND,

Committee.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

School Appropriation, 1927.....	\$38,600.00
Transfers from Reserve for two bills of 1926	8.04
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Total Receipts	\$38,608.04
Total Amount Expended, 1927...	38,513.45
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Balance.	\$94.59

Reimbursements

From General School Fund, Part I...	\$3,244.45
From General School Fund, Part II..	2,443.41
For Superintendent's Salary	676.67
For Tuition from State.....	1,150.35
From Rent of Library.....	25.00
Rebate from High School Tuition....	2,581.45
Rebate from High School Transporta- tion.	2,241.90
Tuition from Town of Wrentham....	353.55
Tuition from Town of Franklin.....	115.79
Tuition—E. T. Camp.....	5.00
Tuition—Perry Goldthwaite, Jr.....	10.00
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	\$12,847.57

Reconciliation

Receipts.		\$38,608.04
Reimbursements.	\$12,847.57	
Balance.	94.59	
	<hr/>	12,942.16
Net Cost of the Schools to the Town		<hr/> \$25,665.88

Summary of Current Expenses

Total Expenditures		\$38,513.45
Teachers.	\$16,576.83	
Committee Expense	80.02	
Superintendent.	1,498.86	
Clerk.	190.91	
Transportation.	4,744.50	
Fuel.	1,732.64	
Care of Buildings.	1,990.00	
Text Books	639.21	
Supplies.	470.44	
Miscellaneous.	50.94	
Repairs.	375.53	
Health.	350.00	
Tuition.	7,416.22	
New Equipment	1,736.02	
Incidentals.	119.55	
Insurance.	518.53	
Enforcement of the Law.	23.25	
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Current Expenses Itemized

Teachers' Salaries		\$16,576.83
Lula Cole	\$1,320.81	
Helen Nelson	554.19	

Adeline Dupuis	435.00	
Carrie Forristall	1,140.30	
Lucy A. Hill.....	1,368.75	
Rose Cassidy	1,169.49	
Isabel Scott Martin.....	1,114.05	
Lora Estes	974.19	
Gertrude Rhodes	1,229.49	
Mae Ryan	1,169.49	
Gertrude Green	583.38	
Margaret Lennon	1,320.81	
Clara Macy	1,169.49	
Laura Fitzpatrick	1,022.13	
Mabel Drake	1,169.49	
Margaret Welsh	382.50	
Elizabeth Sullivan	156.00	
Ethel Lovely	159.22	
Ellen D. Hall.....	136.00	
Mary Fanning — Transportation		
Evening School	2.05	
Text Books		\$639.21
American Book Co.....	\$16.83	
Ginn & Co.....	116.65	
Rand, McNally	79.90	
World Book Co.....	6.15	
The Macmillan Co.....	60.77	
Lyons & Carnahan.....	15.35	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	43.64	
Little, Brown & Co.....	4.30	
Arlo Publishing Co.....	13.08	
Carroll H. Drown.....	14.00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	52.54	
John C. Winston Co.....	23.63	
Scott Foresman Co.....	47.47	
Laidlaw Bros.	9.20	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.....	2.00	

Houghton Mifflin Co.....	9.61	
Wheeler Publishing Co.....	7.59	
J. B. Lippincott Co.....	42.44	
Noble & Noble.....	1.04	
Charles E. Merrill Co.....	13.77	
Dowling School Supply Co.....	22.40	
Edward E. Babb Co.....	29.98	
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.....	4.56	
T. Y. Crowell Co.....	2.31	
Supplies.		\$470.44
J. L. Hammett Co.....	\$207.08	
Fuller Brush Co.....	1.75	
Mass. Dept. for the Blind.....	3.75	
Perry Golthwaite	1.00	
J. F. Curran.....	3.15	
Ryan & Buker.....	10.54	
Dowling School Supply Co.....	69.03	
World Book Co.....	3.96	
Edward E. Babb Co.....	3.02	
E. Arnold Staples.....	5.39	
H. I. Dallman Co.....	5.40	
Carroll H. Drown.....	14.90	
Mass. Reformatory	9.03	
L. F. Thayer.....	1.55	
Oliver Ditson Co.....	4.13	
District Nursing Association.....	1.50	
Masury, Young Co.....	59.10	
N. Danenberg	21.44	
H. C. Forbes.....	12.00	
Mass. State Prison.....	22.86	
American Child Health Association	6.56	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts..	.80	
A. H. Sweet Co.....	2.50	
Care of Buildings.....		\$1,990.00
A. N. Nash—Janitor service and cleaning buildings	\$658.00	

Eugene Riordan—Janitor Service..	504.00	
E. A. Staples—Janitor service and cleaning buildings	828.00	
Fuel.		\$1,732.64
Hunter & Burgess	\$28.00	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	1,668.39	
Cora E. Rhodes.....	36.25	
Miscellaneous.		\$50.94
Union Light & Power Co.....	\$19.41	
Cornelius Allen	10.00	
Edison Electric Co.....	3.83	
Assessors' Dept.—Electric Lights..	17.70	
Repairs.		\$375.53
A. W. Kozinor.....	\$1.00	
Harold Hogarth	4.60	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	75.63	
Walter Thayer	67.75	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.....	23.07	
Avery & Woodbury Co.....	18.85	
Pinault & DeNevers.....	2.36	
C. W. Ruggles.....	2.25	
Arthur Clarridge	104.60	
F. A. Gould.....	1.00	
L. F. Thayer & Son.....	40.27	
J. E. Camp.....	24.65	
Henry Fiske	9.50	
Health.		\$350.00
District Nursing Association.....	\$300.00	
E. R. Devere, M. D.....	50.00	
Transportation.		\$4,744.50
Johnson Bus Lines, Inc.....	\$2,537.50	
Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry. Co....	175.00	
E. J. Wentzel.....	664.00	
Geo. Melrose	504.00	
Harold Burr	864.00	

Tuition.		\$7,416.22
Town of Medway.	\$400.00	
Town of Milford.	1,983.53	
Town of Franklin.	5,032.69	
New Equipment		\$1,736.02
J. L. Hammett Co.	\$1.01	
The Fyr Fyter Co.	125.00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins.	353.35	
E. T. Powers.	1,185.00	
Avery & Woodbury Co.	22.13	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.	49.53	
Incidentals.		\$119.55
C. H. Drown—Postage, Tel. Tolls, etc.	\$37.50	
Herbert J. Mann.	3.00	
H. C. Forbes.	5.55	
L. F. Thayer.	2.59	
Eldred J. Wentzel.	47.00	
Charlescraft Press	24.00	
Insurance.		\$518.53
Lewis E. Whitney.	\$518.53	
Paid for Clerk.		\$190.91
Superintendent.		1,498.86
Committee Expense		80.02
Cora E. Rhodes.	\$9.81	
R. F. Thayer.	27.75	
Esther Copeland	25.79	
Aaron Hobart	16.67	
Enforcement of the Law.		\$23.25
E. A. Staples—Truant Officer.	\$23.25	
 Total Current Expenses.		 \$38,513.45

BUDGET FOR BELLINGHAM SCHOOLS—1928

	Expended 1927	Estimate 1928
School Committee	\$80.02	\$100.00
Superintendent's Salary and Ex- penses.	1,498.86	1,500.00
Clerk.	190.91	250.00
Teachers' Salaries	16,576.83	17,100.00
Transportation.	4,744.50	5,000.00
Tuition.	7,416.22	5,800.00
Janitors' Salaries	1,990.00	2,200.00
Fuel.	1,732.64	2,200.00
Text Books	639.21	800.00
Supplies.	470.44	500.00
Miscellaneous—Special.	50.94	50.00
Repairs.	375.53	375.00
Health.	350.00	375.00
Miscellaneous—General.	119.55	135.00
New Equipment	1,736.02	1,000.00
Insurance.	518.53	750.00
Truancy (E. A. Staples).....	23.25	25.00
Evening School		350.00
Amount expended 1927.....	\$38,513.45	\$38,510.00
Painting South Building.....		700.00
Estimated Budget of Expenses for 1928....		\$39,210.00

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

1928

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ruel S. Thayer, Chairman.....	Term Expires 1929
Aaron Hobart, Secretary.....	Term Expires 1930
Mrs. Esther D. Copeland.....	Term Expires 1928

NORTH BUILDING

Grade	Name	Local Address	Preparation
VII, VIII.....	Margaret Lennon.....	Franklin, 88 E. Central St.	Bridgewater Normal
V, VI.....	Laura Fitzpatrick.....	North Bellingham	Framingham Normal
III, IV.....	Clara Macy.....	North Bellingham	Hyannis Normal Summer Session
I, II.....	Mabel Drake.....	North Bellingham	Framingham Normal

CENTER BUILDING

VI, VII, VIII.....	Lula Cole.....	Bellingham	Summer Normal; B. U. Course in Music
IV, V.....	Adeline Dupuis.....	Milford, 24 Mechanic St.	Framingham Normal
I, II, III.....	Carrie Forrestall.....	Bellingham	

SOUTH BUILDING

VII, VIII.....	Lucy A. Hill.....	Woonsocket, R. I.	W. Malden Training School
VI.....	Mrs. Rose Cassidy.....	Blackstone, 19 Main St.	R. I. Normal, 1 year
V.....	Mrs. Isabel Martin.....	Franklin, 44 Cross St.	Bridgewater Normal
IV.....	Lora Estes.....	Blackstone, R. F. D.	
III.....	Gertrude Rhodes.....	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1	Hyannis Normal, Summer Session
II.....	Margaret Welsh*.....	Foxboro, Mass.	Kcene, N. H., State Normal
II.....	Lillian Martin.....	Hopedale, 14 Cemetery St.	Framingham-Bridgewater
I.....	Mae Ryan.....	Woonsocket, 566 So. Main St.	Worcester Normal
Evening School.....	Elizabeth Sullivan.....	Woonsocket, R. I.	Immanuel College

SCHOOL DIRECTORY—Concluded.

Grade	Name	Local Address	Preparation
Music Supervisor	Ellen D. Hall	Hopedale, 123 Dutcher St.	N. E. Conservatory, A. I. N. M.
School Physician	Francis Lally, M. D.	Milford, Park Terrace	Tel. Milford 106
Supt. of Schools	Carroll H. Drown	Hopedale, Office, Dutcher St. Bldg.	Tel. Milford 904
School Nurse	Helen C. Grady, R. N.	Milford, Dist. Nurs. Assoc.	Tel. Milford 862

JANITORS

North Building	Eugene Riordan	North Bellingham
Center Building	Alfred Nash	Bellingham
South Building	E. A. Staples	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1

BARGE DRIVERS

No. Center Route	E. J. Wentzel	Medway, R. F. D.
Northeast Route	George Melrose	North Bellingham
South Route	Harold Burr	Woonsocket, R. I., R. F. D. No. 1

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES GRANTED

Office of Superintendent of Schools, Hopedale, Mass.
Miss Lucy A. Hill, South Building

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at the Center Building on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

*Resigned January 3, 1928.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1928

First Winter Term

Opens January 3 Closes February 10 (6 weeks)
(Vacation One Week)

Second Winter Term

Opens February 20 Closes March 30 (6 weeks)
(Vacation One Week)

Spring Term

Opens April 9 Closes June 8 (9 weeks)
(Summer Vacation)

Fall Term

Opens September 4 Closes December 21 (16 weeks)

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, December 25, January 1, February 22, April 19, and May 30. There will be no session of schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving. When a holiday comes upon Sunday, the following Monday becomes a holiday.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The Town cannot have a "No School Signal." Schools will not be closed on account of weather unless it is practically impossible or unreasonable for children to attend.

When parents feel that it is very unwise for their children to go to school, they are advised to keep them at home. All other days children must attend school according to law.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

A regulation of the School Department is that no child can enter school for the first time unless such a child shall become six years of age on or before January 1 of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school. (For entrance to school this coming fall term a child must be six years of age on or before January 1, 1929.)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The attention of parents is called to the following facts of the State Laws governing school attendance.

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age, unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years, unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours per day.

All minors under sixteen, working in towns or cities which maintain Continuation Schools, must attend the Continuation Schools as prescribed by law.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offence.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee and Citizens of Bellingham:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report of your schools. It is hoped that those who read this report will become better acquainted with the conditions of the schools, their needs and what is being accomplished.

SCHOOL—A SACRED INSTITUTION

The Ancient Oracles were sacred places. Moses was told to take off his shoes for the ground whereon he stood was holy. The Church altar has always been held very sacred, never to be desecrated. The sacred fires were always to be kept burning.

The School is likewise a sacred institution; its fires must never go out nor its lights be dimmed.

The School is not a charity or a gratuitous institution, though it is generously supported by taxes from the public. It is an obligation which is forever due.

We who are active in the affairs of life to-day must ere long leave these affairs to the care of others—the rising generation. We shall then be dependent upon them. When we become incapacitated or gone, the school must still carry on.

To keep educational institutions going is not a free gift of ours, but it is an essential part of the great program of the progress of human society. It is a necessity for our protection.

We, who are holding the reins of life's activities to-day, can neither interfere with nor hinder the scheme of human living.

Great institutions of industry and society may arise and fall, flourish or wane, but education must go on forever.

Prosperous and happy society could not exist without the progressive education of its subjects. Upon education rests all human progress.

While schools are not the only means, they are the most important and effective factors in education, for, a community might get along if it lost some of its great industries. Floods and disaster may come and destroy the building of years, but this damage to a large extent may be repaired. The loss in production may be made up by the "speeding up" process; but no community would think of having its schools closed for a long period of time, for, the injury thus done to youth in their very impressionable years, might never be repaired.

"'Tis Education forms the common mind!

Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

Instead of regarding the School as an institution too sacred to be desecrated, some people often consider it so commonplace that they freely give detrimental criticism and even ridicule.

Many people are very prone to criticise and loudly harangue about the schools, whenever they are not pleased with the way things go.

All of us are liable to mistakes. It is our aim to give the patrons of the schools the best possible, and we welcome requests and helpful criticism.

If this sacred institution, the school, is to accomplish its great work, we must all co-operate and pull together for its welfare.

Tax payers of to-day may feel that the School is an object of their gratuity; hence if its procedure does not please they may curtail support. At times voters, failing to divine

the needs of the future, selfishly withhold the essentials for future progress—buildings, equipment, funds for good teachers and other essentials.

Failing to realize the sacredness of the School, those with influence and power often play politics to the detriment of this important institution and thoughtlessly handicap future society in its preparation for meeting its problems.

When our people come to fully realize that the school is a sacred institution and essentially permanent, many will appreciate it more fully.

It is a serious offense for us to-day to handicap our children in years to come because we fail to realize that the life of society is a growth, ever changing and advancing. Because we cannot see needs of the future, we consider as fads those things which will be essentials for the progress of the rising generation.

It is with this broad view of education and high respect for the School that it is possible for such towns as Bellingham to have the advantages of good schools.

School buildings and equipment may be the best, but we must realize that home influence and the ability and attitude of the pupils are the most important factors in the training for true education.

It has always been a fact in the past, and undoubtedly will continue to be, that character has counted more for success than knowledge. Character is the ignition which makes progress go.

In our scheme of education, provision for character building must be made. Great outstanding characters are largely those who have struggled up from the bottom, frequently in poverty and without conveniences. Overcoming obstacles makes character.

Though there have been many attempts through vocational training, etc., schools still fail to provide ample op-

portunity for character training. The complexity and ease of present day life seems to be a handicap for character development.

So far as training in knowledge goes, schools are doing much, though there seems to be a very hazy conception of what type of knowledge will be needed twenty-five years hence.

A number of prominent educational organizations of the United States, individual states, counties, and cities are working on new and revised Courses of Study for schools. None are yet available for general use.

Schools may well give less attention to the complications of unused mathematics and other obsolete things, and give more attention to the training in health and safety; courtesy; true human sympathy; literature; music and art appreciation; good speech—public and conversational; real thrift and economy; history and growth of our nation and the world; knowledge and application of government; citizenship responsibility; worth while entertainment and proper use of leisure time; orderliness; morals; honesty; sterling character; and a friendly spirit toward work.

These attributes function in the daily life of all and are essential for the happiness and prosperity of human society, while many subjects now receiving much attention in school, play a very small part in the daily routine of life. The test of a person now is not how much knowledge he has at his tongue's end, but, what he is in character and life.

OUR SCHOOLS

Our schools are trying to teach something of the good and useful things.

Because of the rapid increase in the number of school children in town and the general increased cost of everything, the current expenses for maintaining schools con-

stantly increases. For this and other reasons our schools are not provided with the advantages of instruction in special subjects which many cities and towns have; but in the work of the common branches, Bellingham schools are doing well.

We have a strong force of willing working teachers; the buildings are comfortable and convenient and kept in good repair; the schools are well provided with books and supplies. These conditions are conducive to successful schools.

Within the past few years the interior of the buildings have been varnished and tinted, and roofs repaired, etc. Many new seats have been provided, and new curtains hung in all the buildings. A water system with bubbler drinking fountains has been installed in the South building.

This past year two new hot air furnaces in the South building and one in the North have replaced the old worn out ones. New adjustable seats were put in the North Primary room. Seats and desks in two rooms were smoothed and varnished. Several seats in all buildings have been repaired.

New safety locks have been put in the four outside doors of the Center and North buildings. With these locks the doors can always be opened from the inside, thus making for safety and meeting the requirements of the law. Some of the slate blackboards in the Center building have been smoothed, thus changing to as good as new, almost useless boards. The foundation walls on the North and East side of the North building have been pointed up and the ground about has been graded with gravel.

The following improvements are needed for this next year:

Painting the South building.

New seats in one room of the North building.

Some new seats in the South, repairs of others, and repair of some of the blackboards in the South.

Repair of roof of North building—new shingling may be necessary.

Electric light fixtures in one room of the South for use of evening school.

Plastering back of blackboards, Centre building.

On account of the constantly increasing number of pupils it is very possible that we may have to open a new school at the Center and it is very likely that there will have to be another school in the South. This expansion will necessitate more new seats.

Some new language books, song books and readers have been purchased this past year.

Many of the schools have been crowded this school year, due largely to the large influx of pupils from the St. Louis and other private schools in Woonsocket. One school at the South has an enrollment of sixty-five and several others have from forty-five to fifty pupils. Miss Sullivan, a teacher in the Evening School, is assisting in the largest schools.

Two of the Center schools have enrollment of about forty-five with three grades each. It is impossible for any teacher to give needed assistance to all pupils in such large schools of so many grades. If present conditions continue, it will be imperative to open another room in that building.

This large increase of pupils makes it necessary to purchase a large number of books this coming year.

Pupils coming from some of these private schools are very poorly equipped, being scarcely able to read or speak our language at all. When such pupils come in at different times, the progress of the school is greatly handicapped. The pupils now in the public schools ought to remain so they can progress in education. Reading and writing of our language is much needed by these pupils. Under the conditions rapid progress cannot be made, but teachers and pupils are working in earnest and improvement is seen.

Complying with the request made at the last town meeting, an evening school has been held during the winter, giving instruction in Reading and Writing English, and the study of Government and United States History.

Two teachers have been employed, Miss Sullivan and Miss Rhodes. The highest enrollment is twenty-seven, and the attendance has ranged from fifteen to twenty-five men and women.

The pupils have been very much interested and have worked enthusiastically. The school is very fascinating as has been expressed by the several visitors we have had. Good progress has been made and we hope the members have received much benefit.

The number of pupils from Bellingham attending High Schools is increasing each year. We have sixty pupils in High Schools this year.

The rate of tuition has more than doubled in the past few years, thus the amount paid for High School tuition is much enlarged as can be seen from the accompanying financial report.

The advantages given our pupils by these High Schools are much greater than could be given if the town should maintain a High School of its own. Because of the new building, the advantages of the Franklin High School are very attractive.

Since the number of pupils is increasing and the cost becoming more, the question of a Bellingham High School is worthy of consideration.

So far as we can get reports, our High School pupils are nearly all doing good work and are enjoying life.

Our three school buildings are lacking two modern important conveniences. These are electric lights and water toilets.

Lights have already been installed in a small portion of

each building, and more lights are not as necessary as the toilets.

These improvements, which are to-day almost an essential in every school building are bound to come sooner or later in Bellingham. Why not have it sooner instead of later?

There is room for the sanitary toilets in each building basement and water provided. If the water toilets could be installed in one building a year, the cost would make but a very little addition to the tax rate.

The South School Parent-Teacher Association has had a successful year and has been very helpful to the schools.

In addition to nicely furnishing the school rest room, they have provided a good work bench and set of carpenter's tools for the boys to use in their wood working class.

Mrs. Houseman, who has been president for the three years since the Association started, and has been largely responsible for its success, recently resigned because she is moving out of town. All connected with the Association and the schools are very sorry to lose her efficient assistance.

What Mrs. Houseman has done for the club others must now do, and we are confident that the Association under the direction of the new officers will continue to prosper.

We are always especially sorry for the serious illness or death of any of our school family. The schools were greatly shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Mary Matkowski at school recently. She was stricken by a bad heart attack of which she was subject.

We are pleased to speak commendingly of the good work done by the girls' and boys' clubs under the direction of the Norfolk County Extension Workers, Mr. Patton and Miss Clark, with the assistance of the principals of the buildings. Miss Gladys Cook successfully led the girls' club at the South schools last year. Miss Sophie Bis is assisting in leading the club this year.

Mr. Patton is helping the boys in wood working once a week or as often as he can meet them. The boys are enthusiastic in their work and appreciate Mr. Patton's help.

The clubs have had exhibits at the buildings, and a large exhibit of work was arranged in the town hall last May. Two entertainments by the club members with excellent moving pictures by Mr. Patton have been held in the Town Hall. Mr. Farley, the State leader, has been with us once, and Mr. Howe, assistant, once.

This line of work is certainly worth while and educative for the girls and boys. We wish there might be a larger number of clubs, including poultry, pig, garden, canning, etc.

Several of the girls and boys of our schools have been honored with prizes and vacation trips. A large honor is to come to our town when one of our girls is to have one of the highest prizes of club work, a trip to Washington, D. C.

A very pleasing graduation of the eighth grades was held in the Town Hall at the close of schools. The class was large and the program well carried out. The program and names of graduates is given farther on in this report.

Special attention to singing and music appreciation is being given in the schools under the direction of the supervisor, Miss Hall. At least one new piano in each building is much needed.

The superintendent wishes to state that all concerned are very grateful to the District Nursing Associations which have made it possible for us to have the benefit of school nurses. There is a great need of health education in our schools. Miss Grady has found a great lack of knowledge of how to keep well by many of the pupils of the South and Center schools. Marked results are being obtained from the instruction given in schools and in the home visits. The North schools have had instruction longer, yet there is much to do there. A very encouraging fact was noted when Dr.

Lally, the school physician, made the examinations. It was that the children who had been in the schools for some years were in a much improved physical condition.

The superintendent wishes to thank the teachers and children for their real courtesy and kindness shown him at all times, and especially at Christmas time. The spirit of our schools is harmonious and helpful. We appreciate the help of the library and librarian.

The superintendent of schools is anxious to express his sincere appreciation of the willing kindly assistance given by the School Committee. The Committee members have given freely of their time and ability, and the expenditure of every dollar has been carefully considered.

The aim of the School Committee has not been to see how little money can be used for the schools, but rather so to expend the appropriation as to bring the most effective results.

We are grateful for the loyal financial and moral support given by the town officers and the citizens of the town. Your continued support is solicited.

The following quotation expresses what we believe is the aim of our efforts for the schools.

“Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place.”

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Following the usual custom I am submitting this annual report covering the work done by the three Grammar schools in the Town of Bellingham in the study of music.

A development of the desire to sing and know good music and the ability to appreciate it is what we believe to be the aim of Public School Music.

Each class of the three buildings receives one-half hour's instruction each week by the music supervisor supplemented by the training given by the individual teacher. We use the Progressive Music Series which, in material and pedagogy, fulfills the highest ideals of educators and musicians. The material represents a selection of folk tunes of all the countries, classic compositions of all times and songs written for the series by the foremost composers of the day. A brief course in the History and Appreciation of music complements the instruction in the art of singing in the upper grades. In the lower grades folk dances and rhythmic games as well as a selection of songs which appeal to the child's imagination are also taught.

With the advent of radio and other sound reproducing instruments it is possible for every one to hear the greatest artists and symphony orchestras and it is necessary to listen intelligently, hence the great importance for teaching the knowledge and appreciation of music to children. In the period of early childhood music makes its deepest impres-

sion and the ear is easily trained. Then is the time for the best there is in music; and it is to this end that the course is laid out furnishing also a base to build upon.

The pupils seem to have a good grasp of the subject, are interested and evidently are making progress. The teachers have assisted materially by their co-operation and I should not fail to mention your interest and support.

Much has been accomplished with the equipment available. However, the North and Center schools are in much need of new pianos, and it is earnestly hoped that these will be supplied as soon as possible, also a few records should be supplied for the victrolas (which, by the way, are not in the best of repair), located in the North, South and Center schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN DEAN HALL,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Bellingham Schools:

Assisted by Miss Helen C. Grady, I examined the children at the Center and So. Bellingham schools, and by Miss Margaret Hughes at the North Bellingham.

The following table will show the outstanding defects found and also the number of pupils in good physical condition:

South Bellingham. 275 Pupils Examined.

	Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids	Cer. Glands	Anemia	Skin	Teeth Cariou	O. K.
Grade 1.....	11	9	11	1	8	12
Grade 2.....	11	9	2	..	10	11
Grade 3.....	8	6	9	1	5	23
Grade 4.....	3	1	7	..	5	27
Grade 5.....	3	..	7	1	2	20
Grade 6.....	3	2	2	..	5	29
Grade 7.....	7	1	6	..	..	25

One case of Rickets, 2 Heart, 1 Asthma, and 1 scarlet fever were found. The latter was at once excluded from school, and the Health Board notified.

Center. 104 Pupils Examined.

	Tonsils and Adenoids	Cervical Glands	Anemia	Skin	O. K.
Grade 1.....	3	1	1	..	16
Grade 2.....	2	1	..	..	6
Grade 3.....	2	..	..	..	11
Grade 4.....	1	..	1	..	9
Grade 5.....	4	..	1	..	14
Grade 6.....	..	..	..	..	7
Grade 7.....	..	1	3	1	14
Grade 8.....	1	..	1	..	6

Four pupils had no vaccination scars.

North Bellingham. 115 Pupils Examined.

	No Vac- cination	En- larged Tonsils	Cer- vical Glands	Teeth	Skin	Eyes
Grades 1 and 2..	2	6	2	20	0	1
Grades 3 and 4..	4	2	0	20	2	2
Grades 5 and 6..	5	1	0	11	0	3
Grades 7 and 8..	1	2	1	23	0	1

FRANCIS H. LALLY, M. D.,

School Physician.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE FOR CENTER AND SOUTH SCHOOLS

To Mr. Carroll Drown, Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of School Nursing done in South Bellingham and Bellingham Center for the year ending December 31, 1927. Both schools visited once a week, usually on Friday, when school was in session. Each room at this time is visited and all teachers consulted. No regular program is used, but from time to time a period is taken in different classrooms to give a health talk, inspect, play a health game or read a health story.

A "Health Crusade" was carried on, with the help of the teachers, in the fourth and fifth grades for twelve weeks which proved most successful. Some very fine health posters were made by the sixth grade and used in the lower grades to teach health habits. The seventh and eighth grades did a good piece of work with some health stories and plays which were also used.

The following is a summary of some of the work done:

No. of health talks	141
No. of cleanliness inspections	321
No. of pediculosis inspections	429
No. of skin inspections	93
No. of inspections for disease.....	17
Advice given to.....	178
No. treated.	23
No. excluded.	8
No. of home visits.....	107

Assisted Dr. Lally in examining 383 children.

No. of children found with large tonsils.....	45
“ “ “ “ “ adenoids.	20
“ “ “ “ “ defective teeth	60
“ “ “ “ “ enlarged glands	39
“ “ “ “ “ rickets.	11
“ “ “ “ “ anemia.	40
“ “ “ “ “ heart defects	2
“ “ “ “ “ poor posture	40
“ “ “ “ “ asthma.	1
“ “ “ “ “ skin diseases	6
“ “ “ “ “ nose defects	1
“ “ “ “ “ eye defects	5

Corrections of physical defects during year:

Fitted to glasses.....	5
Treatment for asthma.	1
Treatment for heart defect	1
Adenoids and tonsils removed.....	6

In closing may I draw your attention to the poor light in Mrs. Cassidy's room at South school, especially in one corner of the room. The room now being used as the community room would make a much better class room. A condition of a wall in Mrs. Forestall's room at Center school needs a little attention to keep the cold air out in the winter time.

There is a great deal to be done in Bellingham. I hope to accomplish much more this coming year, with a better knowledge of the community and the children.

May I at this time thank Mr. Drown for his ever-ready advice and help, the teachers for their wonderful spirit of co-operation, and the school committee for what they have done to help make this a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF BELLINGHAM EIGHTH GRADE

TOWN HALL

At 2:00 P. M., Friday, June 10th, 1927

Music	Miss Lovely
Invocation	Rev. Alfred L. Murray
Salutatory	Elmer Whipple
Piano Solo—Summer Dreams.....	Kenneth Houseman
Essay—A Merchant Prince.....	Warren Foscett
Essay—Taxation	Dorothea Ambler
Song—When the Roses Bloom Again.....	South School
Essay—Television	Adwilder Kupnicki
Essay—The Land of the Song Night.....	Dorothy Spencer
Violin Solo	Stella Peloquin
Essay—Ways of Travel.....	Helen Pasky
Essay—Niagara Falls	Clinton Copeland
Essay—The Growth of the Navy.....	Robert Thompson
Song—Sing Along!	North School
Essay—Scenes in Holland.....	Alton Gendron
Essay—Philadelphia Mint	Ellsworth Crooks
Piano Solo	Gladys Longton
Essay—President Coolidge	Hazel Hatfield
Essay—New England	Chester Poliks
Essay—Salt	Michael Starzak
Song—Welcome Happy Morning.....	Center School
Essay—Our American Forests.....	Arthur Warren
Essay—Aerial Growth	Gerald Watson

Piano Solo	Florida Rotatori
Essay—Yosemite Valley	Raymond Kaczynski
Essay—Coffee	Peter Kornicki
Song—The Anvil Chorus.....	Eighth Grades
Essay—Glimpses of Our National Park.....	Edith Rhodes
Essay—Theodore Roosevelt	Harry LaCoste
Essay—Valedictory—Mrs. Coolidge	Pauline Smith
Presentation of Diplomas,	
Aaron Hobart, Secretary of School Committee	
Class Song	
Benediction	Rev. Alfred L. Murray
Class Reception—Class Marshall.....	Kenneth Houseman

BELLINGHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dorothea Ambler
 Clinton Copeland
 Ellsworth Crooks
 Warren Foscett
 Alton Gendron
 Hazel Hatfield
 Kenneth Houseman
 Raymond Kaczynski
 Peter Kornicki
 Adwilder Kupnicki
 Harry LaCoste
 Gladys Longton

Helen Pasky
 Stella Peloquin
 Chester Poliks
 Edith Rhodes
 Florida Rotatori
 Dorothy Spencer
 Pauline Smith
 Michael Starzak
 Robert Thompson
 Arthur Warren
 Gerald Watson
 Elmer Whipple

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

December, 1927

Number of pupils examined	496
Number found defective in eyesight.	34
Number found defective in hearing.	10
Number of parents notified	31

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1926-1927

SCHOOLS	Total Enrollment		Non-Resident	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	Enrollment Oct. 1, 1927		Total Number of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town or State		No. of Pupils 5-7 Yrs. of Age	No. of Pupils 7-14 Yrs. of Age	No. of Pupils 14-16 Yrs. of Age	No. of Pupils Over 16 Yrs. of Age	No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	
	Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls							
North Building—																	
Grades 7, 8.....	25	13	12	2	3,633	21	22.36	23	12	11	11	20	3	1	93	93	
Grades 5, 6.....	37	13	24	1	5,740.5	33.18	35.32	35	12	23	24	35	..	1	93.94	93.94	
Grades 3, 4.....	39	21	18	3	5,824.5	33.66	35.49	38	21	17	17	38	..	0	94.84	94.84	
Grades 1, 2.....	37	22	15	4	5,368	31.03	32.45	36	20	16	16	20	..	1	95.62	95.62	
Center Building—																	
Grades 6, 7, 8....	39	19	20	4	5,926.5	34.35	36.46	37	18	19	19	31	6	2	94.2	94.2	
Grades 4, 5.....	34	16	18	2	4,712	27.31	28.68	31	13	18	17	30	1	2	95.2	95.2	
Grades 1, 2, 3....	50	29	21	7	6,911.5	40.06	43.67	48	28	20	20	33	..	1	91.73	91.73	
South Building—																	
Grades 7, 8.....	38	15	23	0	5,112	29.8	31	37	15	22	23	31	6	4	96.13	96.13	
Grade 6.....	44	24	20	0	6,478	37.77	39.86	43	24	19	43	33	10	2	94.96	94.96	
Grade 5.....	39	21	18	1	5,571.5	32.48	34.44	37	20	17	17	34	3	0	94.30	94.30	
Grade 4.....	29	16	13	0	4,124.5	23.91	25.42	28	15	13	13	28	..	0	94.05	94.05	
Grade 3.....	28	18	10	0	4,262.5	24.71	25.61	25	16	9	26	16	10	4	96.48	96.48	
Grade 2.....	38	29	9	0	4,368	25.32	26.99	29	20	9	33	24	9	1	93.81	93.81	
Grade 1.....	32	18	14	0	4,384	25.56	27.83	29	17	12	14	22	7	1	91.84	91.84	
Totals,	509	274	235	24	72,416.5	420.14	445.58	476	251	225	228	61	386	29	20	94.29	94.29

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